

Item. They Say that the aforesaid possessor in Assizes, Juries and Recognitions after the Alienation aforesaid may be soe put as before the s.^d Alienation, and that the County by the alienation aforesaid in default of the present possessor will not be Grieved & Charged more than was wont Liber CD

In witness whereof as well the Juries above mentioned as the S.^d Sheriff have hereunto Set their hands and Seales the day and year first above written

Chr:^s Rousby
Sher (Seale)

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Cæcilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Whereas by an Act of Generall Assembly made at o.^r Generall Assembly of our Said province of mary^{ld} begun and held at our City of s.^t maries the Thirteenth day of Aprill in the xxxvii.th year of our Dominion over our s.^d province Annoq̄ Domini 1669 Intituled an Act for Encouragem.^t of Such persons as will undertake to build Water Mills, It is amongst other these things Enacted That if any person or psons from and after the last day of June then next should desire to Sett up a water mill upon any Land next adjoyning to any Runn of water within this province not being the proper possession or ffreehold of the Said person or persons nor Leased to them by us or other persons to the Intent therein to Sett a water mill they should purchase our writt out of our Court of Chancery directed to the Sheriff where Such Land Lyeth requiring him by the Oaths of Twelve men of his County to Enquire what damage it would be to us or others to have a mill Sett up in Such a place as afores.^d upon the Return of which writt in Case the person or persons who by the return of the Said Inquest should be found to be the true Owners & possessors of the Land fit to build a mill upon Should refuse to Build a mill thereupon & Should refuse to give Security to us by a bond of fifty thousand pounds of Tobacco with Condition to Build a mill thereon within Twelve months from that day to be Compleated & Reckoned and the Same Building to prosecute & finish within Twelve months after the Said Beginning or Laying the foundation as afores.^d for the publique Good of our Said province, It should be Lawfull to and for us and our heirs & Successors or in our or their absence for our and their Lieuten.^t & Chief Governo.^r there