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Cæcilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c To all our officers and Inhabitants of our said province of Maryland and To all others whom these presents may concerne Sendeth Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Know ye that Whereas by our Letters Patents und.<sup>r</sup> our Great Seale bearing date third day of Novemb.<sup>r</sup> in the Seven and thirtieth year of our Dominion Annoq̄ Dom one thousand Six hundred Sixty and Seven We did Grant to our Well beloved Inhabitants within the City Called or known by the name of S.<sup>t</sup> Maries City in the County of S.<sup>t</sup> maries in the Said province of Maryland and the Circuits precincts and priviledged places of the said City not exceeding the Space of one English mile Square that they the s.<sup>d</sup> Inhab.<sup>ts</sup> within the Said City Circuits and precincts aforesaid Shall be an Incorporated City of one Mayor one person Learned in the Law by the name of a Recorder and Six Aldermen and ten persons as Common Councilmen Inhabiting within the S.<sup>d</sup> City for ever more And that the S.<sup>d</sup> Mayo.<sup>r</sup> Recorder Aldermen and Common Councilmen Shall be a Body Incorporate and one Comunity for ever in Right and in name and Shall be by the name of Mayor Recorder, Aldermen & Common Council of the City of S.<sup>t</sup> maries City able and Capable at Law to be Sued and to Sue and to Act Execute and do as a Body Incorporate and to have Succession for Ever and to that End to have a Common Seale and that Phillip Calvert Esq.<sup>r</sup> one of the Inhabitants of the s.<sup>d</sup> City shall for the present be and be named mayo.<sup>r</sup> of the s.<sup>d</sup> City for the Ensuing year & Jn.<sup>o</sup> morecroft Recorder of the Same and William Calvert Esq.<sup>r</sup> Jerome White Esq.<sup>r</sup> Daniell Jenifer, Garrett Vansweringen, Marke Cordea and Thomas Cosden Inhabitants also of the s.<sup>d</sup> City Shall be Aldermen thereof as Long as they shall well behave themselves therein having first taken the Oath of ffidelity as also the Oath appointed by us to be taken by the mayo.<sup>r</sup> Aldermen and Recorder of the City of s.<sup>t</sup> maries City and to be administred unto them Respectively by our Lieutenant of the Said province for the time being or by Such person or persons as we or our heirs or our Lieuten.<sup>t</sup> of the said province for the time being Shall from time to time Authorize and appoint to Administer the Same And the Said Mayo.<sup>r</sup> Recorder and Aldermen or the majo.<sup>r</sup> part of them shall Elect and Chuse ten others of the most Sufficent Inhabitants of the S.<sup>d</sup> City to be of the Common Council thereof for So Long time as they shall well behave themselves.

Cæcilius &c To our Trusty and Well beloved Henry Adams Gentl Thomas Mathews Gent in the County of Charles County Greeting We Command you that by the Oath of Twelve Good & Lawfull men of yo.<sup>r</sup> S.<sup>d</sup> County of Charles County by whom the truth of the matter may better be known that you Diligently Enquire what