

Liber FF
[p. 645] Caecilius Absolute lord & Proprietary of Maryland & Avalon Lord
Baltemore &c To all Our officers and Inhabitants in Maryland and
to all others whom this p̄nts may concernerne Sendeth Greeting
Know yee That of our Special Grace certeyne knowledge & meere
mōcon wee have granted & as much as in us lyeth doe Grant to our
well beloved Inhabitants within th^e Citty called or Knowne by th^e
name of S^t Mary's Citty in the County of S^t Mary's in th^e s^d Province
of Maryland & th^e Circuits p^rcinets and priviledged places of th^e s^d
Citty not exceeding th^e Space of one English mile Square That they
th^e said Inhabitants wthin th^e s^d Citty, Circuitts & p^rcinets afores^d
shalbe an Incorporated Citty of one Major one p̄son learned in th^e
law by th^e name of a Recorder & Six Aldermen & Tenn persons as
Cōmon Councillmen inhabiteing within th^e s^d Citty for eū more And
that th^e s^d Major Recorder Aldermen & Cōmon Councillmen shalbe
a body in Corporate & one Cōmunity for eū in right & name & shall be
by th^e name of Major Recorder Aldermen & Cōmon Councill of the
Citty of S^t Maryes Citty able & Capeable att Law to be sued & to sue
And to act execute & doe as a body in Corporate & to have succession
for eū, And to th^t end to have a Cōmon Seale and that Philip Calvert
Esq̄ one of th^e Inhabitants of th^e s^d Citty shall for th^e p̄nt be &
be named Mayor of th^e s^d Citty for th^e ensueing yeare & John More-
croft Recorder of th^e same & William Calvert Esq̄ Jerome White
Esq̄ Daniel Jenifer Garrett Vansweringen Marke Cordea & Thomas
Cosden Inhabitants alsoe of the s^d Citty shalbe Aldermen thereof
as long as they shall well behave themselves therein haveing first
taken th^e oath of Fidelity as alsoe th^e oath appoynted by us to be
taken by th^e Major Adermen & Recorder of th^e Citty of S^t Mary's
Citty And to be Administred unto them Respectively by our Leivten-
nant of th^e s^d p̄vince for th^e tyme being or by such p̄son or p̄sons
as wee or our heires or our Leivtenn^t of the s^d p̄vince for th^e time
being shall from tyme to tyme authorize & appoint to administer th^e
same And th^e s^d Major Recorder & Aldermen or th^e Majer part of
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of th^e s^d Citty to be of th^e Cōmon Councill thereof for soe long
tyme as they shall well behave themselves therein And that for th^e
future th^e s^d Major Recorder Aldermen & Cōmon Councill shall
assemble in some convenient place within th^e s^d Citty on or upon th^e
Third day of November eūy yeare & shall then & there Elect & chuse
by th^e Major vote of such of them as shall be then p̄nt one other of the
Aldermen of th^e s^d Citty for th^e tyme being to be Major of the said
Citty for the ensueing yeare And upon Decease or removeall of the
s^d Major of the said Citty for the tyme being or upon any Decease
or Deceases Removeall or Removealls of the s^d Recorder or Alder-
men or any of them or within one month after any such respective
decease or deceases removeall or removealls th^e Residue of the said
Aldermen together & with th^e s^d Mayor if he shall be liveing or