

“ MARYLAND, ss.

“ *By the Lord Proprietary, a Proclamation.*

“ Forasmuch as the taking up of land by rights within this our province of Maryland, hath proved not only *grievous* and burthensome to the inhabitants of this our said province, as well for want of such rights upon their occasions, as for paying for the same extravagant and extortious rates when to be procured; but also very injurious and prejudiciall to ourself by undue and unjust probate made of such rights as we have seen and been informed: We doe, therefore as well for the ease benefit and certainty of the inhabitants of this our province, and other persons inhabiting trading or residing within the same, as also for the preservation of our own just right and property, hereby fully resolve determine and ordain, that no rights shall hereafter be proved admitted or allowed *off*, for the taking up of land within our said province as formerly by the conditions of plantation of our late dear father Cæcilus &c. of noble memory hath been accustomed; but for the encouragement of any person or persons adventurer or adventurers or others inhabiting residing or trading within this province, We Doe resolve determine and ordain, and hereby declare publish and make known, that any person or persons adventuring trading inhabiting or residing within this our province, and willing to take up any land here, shall for every fifty acres of land he or they shall designe to take up as aforesaid pay or cause to be paid unto us or our heirs the just quantity of one hundred pounds of tobacco in cask together with two shillings sterling yearly rent, unless on the sea board side or the Whorekills, for every fifty acres whereof any person or persons taking up such land shall only pay for the same as aforesaid the sum of fifty pounds of tobacco in cask together with one shilling sterling yearly rent, and so proportionably for any greater or lesser quantity he or they first applying themselves to our secretarys of this our province, or other officer or officers thereunto appointed, and giving good and sufficient caution for the same, as to him or them shall seem meete; Hereby willing and requiring our said secretarys or other officer or officers as aforesaid, upon such caution or security given to issue out warrants under the lesser seale of this our province, for any quantity of land to any person or persons suitor or suitors for the same in manner aforesaid. And to the end that this our will and pleasure may be made known, Wee Do hereby strictly charge and command all and singular the sheriffs of this our province forthwith upon receipt hereof, to make publick procla-