

mation hereof in the most publick and convenient place within their severall and respective counties.

Given at our city of St. Maries under the great seal of this our said province the fifteenth day of May in the eighth year of our dominion &c. Anno. Dom. one thousand six hundred eighty and three."

LIBER R. R. folio 190.

" His lordship having determined to alter his conditions of plantation within this province and caused proclamation to be accordingly drawn, was pleased to communicate the same to his councill for their approbation, which being read and heard was approved of and consented to by the whole board present and is as follows viz."

" By the Lord Proprietary.

A PROCLAMATION.

Maryland, ss.

" We having for diverse good causes and considerations us thereunto moveing, fully resolved and determined to alter our conditions of plantation of this our province, and communicated to our councill such our resolutions: We have thought fitt (by and with their advice and consent) by this our proclamation to publish and make knowne the same in manner following (viz.) That all persons adventurers or others of British or Irish descent, inhabiting resideing or trading into this province, desirous to take up any quantity or quantities of land within this our province, shall pay or secure to be paid unto us or our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heyres from time to time to collect and receive the same, the just quantity of one hundred and twenty pounds of tobacco in cask for the just purchase, together with two shillings sterling yearly rent for every fifty acres of Land he or they shall make choice of and take up as aforesaid in any part of this our province except on the sea-board side and Delaware bay and river to the fortieth degree of northern latitude, which for encouragement of such person or persons as shall desire and undertake to seate the same, Wee will, shall and may be taken up by any person or persons of the descent aforesaid in any quantity not exceeding the number of five hundred acres in one tract to any one person, he or they paying or securing to be paid therefore unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesaid after the rate of sixty pounds of tobacco in cask for the first purchase together with one shilling sterling yearly rent for every fifty acres he or they shall take up as aforesaid; except also in that part of this our province, on the frontieres thereof