

order of this board, be by the honourable the secretaries (after reading in the provincial court) returned unto this board for their perusal and further order therein."

COUNCIL BOOK for lands, C. B. No. 1, fol. 25.

In instructions to the governor dated the 14th of December 1673, the proprietary, after stating that he had received from the surveyor general a list of certain lands escheated to him with an estimate of their respective values according to a return made by the deputy surveyor of Talbot county, and after directing that so much of them may be sold in the first place as will raise clear of all charges two hundred pounds sterling to be remitted in bills of exchange to England for a particular purpose, proceeds as follows, viz.

"That after the said two hundred pounds sterling be raised as aforesaid out of the said escheated lands for his lordship's said sister, his lordship's said (a) sonne dispose of the residue of the said escheated lands for his lordship's best advantage either by lease for 21 years or for one or two or three lives, or for any number of years determinable upon one two or three lives, or by sale of the inheritance thereof to such as shall be willing to buy the same, provided that all royal mines be excepted in all such leases or sales, and that there be a yearly rent of 2s. sterling at least for every fifty acres of the said land reserved to be paid to his lordship and his heirs for ever."

LIBER R. R. fol. 22.

"Ordered," (by the land council, 2d December 1687) "that no land now to be escheated to his lordship shall be sold but for ready money."

LIBER C. B. No. 1, fol. 302.

"Came William Pearce high sheriff of Cecil county, and presented a list of several parcels of land escheatable to his lordship in Cecil county, viz.

*"An account of what lands is forfeitt in Cecil county.*

"Thomas Aldridge held 100 acres but hath been dead these nine or ten years, and no heire known, nor rent paid.

"Philip Burgen holds 200 arces by marriage of the relict of Robert Saunders—the said Saunders and his wife being both dead and left no issue.

"Thomas Lindsey holds 200 acres by marriage of the relict of Robert Morrice, the said Morrice and his wife being both dead and left no issue nor any heir known.

"Thomas Wright, late of St. Maries county held 200 acres of land who as I am informed is since dead and left no heire.

(a) The orthography of that day.