

vince, upon special warrants, should pay the conditions thereof in a certain limited time and take out their grants ;

My will therefore is, that a Proclamation be forthwith issued for taking out such grants within two years from the date of the said proclamation, upon pain of being refused grants after that time : and I will have no special warrants granted henceforward but under the same limitations of time for the taking out the grants thereof, or less if you think that expedient.

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 " MARYLAND, ss.

*"By the hon'ble Charles Calvert, Esq. Governour and
 Commander in Chief in and over the Province of
 Maryland*

" A PROCLAMATION.

" Whereas severall persons have applyd to his lordship's land office for speciall warrants to take up lands cultivated and improved, which according to the conditions of plantation could not be affected by common warrants, and others upon discovery of lands escheated to his lordship, have also taken out escheat warrants, which warrants have been generally obtained by persons pretending to have made discoveries of the said lands, to entitle them to the preemption thereof as a reward and encouragement for such discoveries, and having obtained such warrants, have either delayed the execution thereof, or only returned certificates of their surveys, wholly neglecting the paying his lordship any consideration for his lands for a considerable number of years ; contrary to the true intent of granting such warrants, and have thereby hindred such as would gladly take up such lands and pay his lordship for the same.

" His lordship therefore, for the better establishing a more regular method of proceeding in relation to escheat and speciall warrants in his land office, and to prevent any person's being surprized by his instructions to Philemon Lloyd, Esq. his judge in land affairs, dated the 19th of November last, directed a proclamation to be immediately issued, intimating that all persons pretending right unto lands within this province upon certificates grounded upon speciall warrants, that they should pay the conditions thereof in a certain limited time and take out their grants thereon, on pain of being refused such grants on failure thereof.

" These are therefore in his lordship's name to publish and make known unto all persons obtaining speciall warrants for lands escheatable, surplus lands, or lands otherways reserved by conditions of plantations, that if they do not within two years next after the date hereof come and pay and satisfie unto his lordship, his agents, or other persons by him appointed