

“ BALTIMORE.

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“ Orders and instructions to our trusty and well beloved Edmond Jennings, Esq. secretary and judge of our land office, in the province of Maryland.

“ 1st. No lands shall be hereafter granted upon any new warrant hereafter to be issued, under reservation of a lesser rent than ten shillings sterling for every hundred acres, unless our chancellor, together with you our judge in our land office, shall for any particular lands on the frontiers or borders of our province, think a less rent more reasonable, in which cases such lands may be granted for such less rent as to our said chancellor and yourselfe shall seem proper.

“ 2dly. In all disputes which shall come before you, as judge in our said office, you shall be assisted in the determination thereof by our chancellor for the time being.

“ 3dly. You shall not permit any warrant to issue, or other act or thing to be done in your office, which may entitle any person to any lands within this our province, until our gent. together with our chancellor, shall have certified under their hands, that the money due to us for the caution, or for the warrant or lands have been paid.

“ 4thly. No grants or pattents shall pass for any lands, hereafter to be granted unto the governor, chancellor, secretary, commissary, judge of the land office, agent or attorney general, or to themselves, wives or children, untill our leave and pleasure shall be first had and obtained therein. But it is our will and pleasure, that the governor, chancellor, secretary, commissary, judge of the land office, agent, or attorney general, or their wives and children, may, by a warrant and a location thereof, and a survey under the same, intitule themselves to the preference of lands liable to be granted, untill our said pleasure shall be had therein, as aforesaid.

“ 5thly. In all affairs in our said land office, which may relate to yourselfe, wife or own children, the chancellor shall determine and direct the same, and shall also instead of yourselfe, sign what may relate thereto.

“ 6th. You shall keep authentick records of all your proceedings.

“ 7th. You shall not suffer takers up of land to string the same, but oblige to make their surveys as little indented as possible.

“ 8th. You are to return yearly to the keeper or keepers of the rent roll, for the time being, an abstract of all the lands upon comon warrants, held by certificates upon record, and also what certificates are recorded upon warrants of resurvey, and in the abstract of such, to mention the names of the original tracts included in such resurvey; and if any certificates