

" BALTIMORE.

 SEAL " A further instruction to Edmund Tenings, Esq.

 SEAL judge of our land office in our province of Mary-

 land.

" Whereas, it has been doubted whether by our late settle-
 ment of fees and the allowance therein of a fee on every pe-
 tition, a fee may be taken on every petition for entering a ca-
 veat, or for other purposes or matters in our said land affairs
 besides the fees on petitions for special warrants. It is our
 will and pleasure that the judge in our said land office, shall
 and may be permitted to take and receive on every petition,
 either for entering caveats or other matters in our said land
 office, the same fee, as is allowed by our said late settlement.
 Given under our hand and seal at London, this 26th day of
 May, 1735. C. B."

LIBER, F. F. folio 53.

" Copy of his lordship's *first instrucon, dated at London,
 15th December, 1738.

" We do authorise and impower you, with the advice and
 consent of our governor and secretary for the time being to
 grant any surplus or other lands, our manors or reserves
 excepted, on such terms and conditions as to you shall
 seem equitable and just, tho' not under the conditions of four
 shillings reserved rents, and five pounds sterling caution mo-
 ney per hundred acres. You are nevertheless to demand,
 where you judge the case will admit of it, such further cau-
 tion money and reserved rent, as to you the governor and se-
 cretary for the time being shall seem just and expedient."

COPY.

BENJAMIN TASKER."

LIBER L. G. No. A. folio 135.

" Annapolis, 2d July, 1739.

" By virtue of an instruction from the right honourable
 the lord proprietary, bearing date the 15th day of December,
 in the year of Lord 1738, to reserve for his lordship's use
 all vacant and escheat land, being in Annapolis or within the
 distance of five miles thereof, or of any part thereof, I here-
 by desire that entry be made of this reserve and the great-
 est care taken to prevent any survey being made within the
 same, either by expressly mentioning the reserve in all war-
 rants to be issued out of the office, or in such other manner
 as may make the same known and remove all pretence of ig-
 norance. I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

BENJA. TASKER,"

" To collo. Gale, judge of the land office."

LIBER, L. G. No. A. fol. 64.

* Presumed to be the first instruction received by Mr. Tasker as agent,