

" F. BALTIMORE.

" Frederick absolute lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon in America, lord baron of Baltimore, in the kingdom of Ireland—To our trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe, lieutenant governor of our said province, the honourable Daniel Dulany, Esq. and John Morton Jordan, Esq.—Send greeting :

" Know ye that, we (taking into our consideration the state and condition of our reserved lands in our said province of Maryland, and being desirous to extend and promote the cultivation and improvement thereof, and for that purpose to grant to the good tenants of our said province, such permanent interests therein as may encourage and invite them to undertake and prosecute the same, to their own emolument and the publick benefit of our said province :) Have given full power and authority to you and the survivors or survivor of you, as we do by these presents, give full power and authority to you and the survivors and survivor of you for us, and in our names, to grant, sell and dispose, or otherwise to treat, contract and agree for the granting, selling and disposing of all or any our said reserved lands or manors in our said province, as well cultivated as uncultivated, to all and every person or persons, who shall be willing to purchase the same for such considerations and prices respectively upon such terms and conditions, and under such rents and reservations, and in such manner and form as by our orders and instructions, under our hand and seal, bearing even date with these presents, are and is in that behalf specified and declared, which orders and instructions we have directed to be entered in the counsel books of our said province, and do declare to be of the same force and validity as if incerted in these presents ; and for the purposes aforesaid, We Do hereby authorize and empower you and the survivors and survivor of you to seal, and as our act and deed in due form of law to deliver, all proper deeds, conveyances, assurances, contracts and agreements ; also to receive the consideration or purchase money to be thereon paid, and to sign receipts and give acquittances for the money to be so received and paid ; which shall be sufficient discharges to the persons paying the same for the money to be so received, and generally to do all such acts which shall or may be requisite and expedient in the premises, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes as we ourselves might or could do if personally present ; and whatsoever you the said Horatio Sharpe, Daniel Dulany and John Morton Jordan, or the survivors or survivor of you shall lawfully do or cause to be done in the premises, during the continuance of these presents, (which we will to be of the space of two years, from the day of the date here-