

vince and others requiring the same according to such precepts, orders and warrants as shall be legally and duly obtained and to them respectively directed upon such conditions and terms as formerly such commissions have been granted, the said deputies surveyors to be responsible and pay for the same to his lordship or such person or persons as his lordship shall hereafter appoint to receive the same, in such manner as hath been formerly accustomed to be paid by them respectively for their severall and respective offices, (viz.)

Here follows a list of persons to be commissioned, which it is not necessary to insert; but it is proper to mention that these commissions were issued on occasion of the surveyor general's office becoming vacant by the disqualification of colonel Talbot, in consequence of the misfortune which has heretofore been noticed. The deputy governors were much perplexed about the proper method of proceeding in this emergency, and at first proposed to commission the surveyors for three months only, in which time it was presumable that the proprietary's pleasure would be signified (from England) concerning a successor to Talbot. It will be perceived by the above order that those offices were absolutely sold, as were most others in the province, more especially in the time of the kingly government. The commission below is inserted chiefly to shew what is said about the forms of surveys.

“ Richard Beard's } *Charles absolute lord and proprietary of the province of Maryland and Ann Arundel county.*
comon. depty. survr. } *Avalon lord baron of Baltimore, &c.*
of Ann Arundel coun- }
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“ *To Richard Beard of Ann Arundell county, gentleman, greeting:* Out of the especial trust and confidence we have in your truth, fidelity and integrity, as also in your art, skill and knowledge in the art of surveying; we have constituted, ordained and appointed, and by these presents Wee Doe constitute, ordain and appoint you the said Richard Beard to be deputy surveyor of the county aforesaid in its utmost latitude and extent, giving and granting unto you hereby full power and authority to survey and resurvey lands within the said county, according to such warrants as you shall receive, and in all things to act, doe and perform as to the place and office of deputy surveyor belonging, or as any deputy surveyor may or of right ought to doe; and to receive and take all such profits, fees and perquisites as shall be legally due for the same, according to act of assembly in that case made and provided.

“ Provided you shall not at any time make any survey or resurvey contrary to the conditions of plantation of this our province, by laying out the long lands on the water, (unless upon resurveys by your warrant particularly and specially commanded soe to doe, by going according to the ancient metes and bounds) or run within any reserve made for his lordship or otherwise act against the tenor of the said conditions, but shall duly, truly and punctually observe the same