

14. Because all secret trusts are usually intended to deceive either the Government or State where they are made or some other persons and by experience are found to occasion many suits and dissensions, therefore no adventurer or planter shall take any grant from his Lordship under the great seal of the Province of any lands there by virtue of these Conditions in trust for any other person or persons, or to any other use or uses than what shall be expressed in the said several and respective grants upon pain of forfeiture of the said lands to his Lordship or his heirs when any such secret trust or uses shall be truly discovered.

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*Extract of a Commission to William Stone as Lieutenant-Governor, dated the 17th August 1648.*

“ And we do further hereby grant full power and authority unto him our said Lieutenant for us and in our name to pass and grant under our said great seal to such person or persons such proportions and quantities of land within our said province for such estate and interest and with such priviledges and immunities as we shall from time to time give him our said Lieutenant Warrant for under our hand and seal at arms and not otherwise, all which Grants to be made passed or granted after the same Grants and the said Warrants under our hand and seal at arms for the passing thereof, shall be recorded or registered by our Secretary of our said Province for the time being and after that our said Secretary shall have certified under his hand upon the back side of every such Grant that the said Grant and the said Warrant under our hand and seal at arms for the passing thereof are recorded and registered and that the Grantee or Grantees have performed our last Conditions of Plantation dated the (a) 20th day of June last past if the Grant be passed by virtue thereof concerning the transportation of so many persons into our said Province as is required by the said Conditions for such a Grant and also have taken the oath of fidelity to us and our heirs Lords and Proprietaries of the said Province of Maryland mentioned in the said last Conditions of Plantation and also that our Surveyor-General there for the time being or his sufficient deputy shall have likewise certified under his hand on the back side of every such Grant that the said land therein mentioned hath been truly surveyed and contains no more in quantity than it ought to do by Warrant from us and after the Grant shall be also testified by our said Lieu-

(a) The Conditions here meant are undoubtedly those immediately following, the Commission attached to which is dated the 29th of August—the Conditions themselves have on the record no date.