

“ tenant subscribing his name thereto, we do hereby declare
 “ shall be effectual in Law and not before against us and our
 “ heirs and shall bind us and our heirs as firmly as if Live-
 “ ry and Seizin had been given and executed thereupon.”

First Council Proceedings—folio 175.

BY THE LIEUTENANT &C. OF MARYLAND.

“ Whereas the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary of
 “ this Province is given to understand that divers adventu-
 “ rors or planters have for a long time forborne neglected
 “ or refused to take grants from his Lordship of all such
 “ lands within this Province as have been or are due unto
 “ them from time to time by virtue of several Conditions
 “ of Plantation heretofore propounded by his Lordship
 “ (contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said Con-
 “ ditions) though some of the said lands have been due to
 “ some of the said adventurers or planters by the space of
 “ divers years past, which course can produce no good effects
 “ to any such adventurers or planters or to his Lordship,
 “ but must needs in process of time make such adventurers
 “ rights and pretences to land there very doubtfull, begetting
 “ nothing else but difficulties and confusions, and his Lord-
 “ ship thereby also receives great prejudice in the non-pay-
 “ ments of such Rents for a long time which are due and pay-
 “ able unto him from such adventurers or planters if they
 “ had or did take Grants of all such lands due unto them in
 “ convenient time as they ought to have done, And whereas
 “ there may be divers that would but could not have any
 “ Grants passed to them for any lands due unto them since
 “ February 1644, about which time his Lordship's great
 “ seal of this Province was violently taken from hence and
 “ noe other here since till now that his Lordship hath sent
 “ a new great seal hither, his Lordship therefore doth de-
 “ clare that it is his will and pleasure that all such persons
 “ now resident within this Province or within the Collony of
 “ Virginia that pretend any right to any lands which have
 “ been due unto him her or them within this Province by
 “ vertue of any Conditions of Plantation or any other War-
 “ rant under his Lordships hand and seal at any time be-
 “ fore the 17th day of March last past for which noe Grants
 “ under his Lordship's great seal here are passed unto them,
 “ shall some time before the first day of November next
 “ ensuing the date hereof come and make their right appeare
 “ unto me his Lordships Lieutenant of this Province or to
 “ such Deputy as I shall ordaine and appoint in case of my
 “ absence or death, for the government of this Province