

vince and others whom it doth or may concern, That Whereas his said Lordship understands that divers persons inhabiting in this Province have not sued out their Patents in due time for the lands which they clayme to be due unto them here nor have taken the oath of fidelity (as they ought to have done) according to his Lordship's Conditions of Plantation whereby they clayme such land. Yet his Lordship out of his good affection to them is not willing to take such advantage as he justly might, thereupon against them, without givinge them first fair warning by this Proclamation of their error therein, but is contented that all such persons who clayme any land due unto them respectively by virtue of his Lordship's *Condicons* of Plantation dated the second day of July 1649 shall notwithstanding their said default have the said lands granted unto them as if no such default had been made.—Provided always that they doe respectively within three months now next ensuing take the said oath of Fidelity according to his Lordship's declaration bearing date the sixt of August 1650 and his Instructions bearing date the 17th of February 1652 and also within the said time make their rights to the said lands appear to his Lordships Secretary here, and sue out their Patents and pay to his Lordships Receiver General here or his sufficient Deputy all such arrears of rent as are due to his Lordship for the said lands respectively from the time such Patents ought by the said *Condicons* to have been sued out by them respectively, and also pay unto his Lordship's Officers here such fees as of right belong unto them respectively for the same. And These are further also in the Lord Proprietor's name and by his speciall direction and appointment as aforesaid to declare and give notice that in case such person or persons so clayming any land due unto them as aforesaid who shall not take the said oath of fidelity or not sue out their respective Patents or not pay the said arrears and fees respectively as aforesaid within the time aforesaid, shall be for ever after debarred from any right or clayme to the said lands respectively, which (in that case) his Lordships Lieutenant here is by his said Lordship's speciall direction required to cause to be *entred* and seized upon to his Lordship's use: Given at St. Maries in the said Province of Maryland the seventh day of February Anno Dm. 1653.

WILLIAM STONE."

LIB. No. 1, folio 514.

*Extract of Instructions from the Proprietary to the Governor and the Council dated the 12th November 1656.*

"That his Lordship's said Lieutenant do cause such proportions of land to be surveyed and assigned (except Royal