

*Extract from Instructions from the Proprietary (Cecilius) to the Governour Charles Calvert, dated 28th July 1669.*

“ART. 2. That according to his Lordship's former directions no land be granted hereafter from his Lordship in his said Province for a less rent than two shillings sterling yearly for every fifty acres, and that special care be taken that the Surveyor General do speedily set out ten thousand acres of the best Land up in the freshes of Potomack River for his Lordship's use and also that no incroachments be made by any other persons upon any lands already reserved or that shall hereafter be reserved for his Lordship, as also that no lands whatsoever formerly granted and since escheated or forfeited to his Lordship be granted away upon rights of Plantation or otherwise without special Warrant under his Lordship's hand and seal.

3. That you use all means possible to procure that some persons be seated upon the seaboard side on the Eastern Shore and on Delaware Bay within the degree forty northerly Latitude, and particularly the Whorekill, and for the encouragement of planting in those parts it is his Lordship's pleasure that lands be granted there to such persons, at the rent of one shilling sterling yearly for every fifty acres according to the former Conditions of Plantation, and if any shall presume to oppose you in it you are to maintain his Lordship's right by force if need be which his Lordship will justify you in; it is likewise his Lordship's further pleasure that the Surveyor General do set out for his Lordship at the Whorekill and Seaboard side of the Eastern Shore of the best land and in the most convenient places to be found in those parts two Manors in every County each Manor containing six thousand acres at the least.”

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS, C. B. folio 7.

(Seal.) “Instructions from the right Hon'ble Cecilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baltimore, &c.

“To his dear son Charles Calvert his Lordship's Lieutenant of the Province of Maryland and in his absence to his Deputy or Deputies for the government of the said Province.

“1st. That whereas his Lordship by his instructions of the 28th day of July 1669 did order that no land should be granted thereafter from his Lordship in his said Province of Maryland by virtue of any former Conditions of Plantation for or in respect of any person or persons transported into his said Province under a lesser rent than two shillings ster-