

taining and now laid out for Seven hundred and Sixty Nine Acres more or less to be held of the Mannor of Nanticoke and also one other Tract Surveyed Surveyed [sic] by Vertue of the Same Warrant and Certified as af^d Called Camberlake the Certificate whereof Likewise follows Viz^t. Maryland Aprill the 18th 1675. By Vertue of a Warrant granted unto George Seward from his Excellency the Captain Generall for One Thousand Acres of Land bearing date the twenty third Day of January 1674 I Thomas Pattison Deputy Surveyor for the County of Dorchester in the province of Maryland do in humble manner Certifie that I have laid out by part of the Said Warrant for him the Said George a parcell of Land Called Camberlake lying on the East Side of Chespeak Bay in Dorchester County af^d Beginning at a Marked Oake Standing on the Northern Side of a North East Beverdain Branch that issueth out of the head of Chicacomoco River being the first bounded tree of the Land Called Sectar and running from thence for Breadth along the Line of the Said land North West and by West one hundred perches to a marked Pokhitory from thence running South West and by South one hundred and Sixty perches from thence running South East and by East one hundred perches to the Said Branch and So running up the Branch with a Streight Line to the first Specified Markt Oak Containing and now laid out for One hundred Acres more or less to be held of the Said Mannor of Nanticoke But before the Said George Seward took out Patents for the Same Land he became So impoverisht by Various misfortunes and losses in his Estate that he had not wherewithall to pay his Just Debts but was forced to Depart this province for fear of falling into the hands of Some merciless Creditor and Dying in a Goale That the Said George having left a Wife and Children in this province (whereof your Orators father was one and the heir apparent to the Said George) continued Sometime absent using his utmost Endeavours by Industry and hard Labour abroad to recover his Circumstances that he might be able to pay what he Owed in this province and return home to his family but before he had fully Accomplished Such his Designs the Said George dyed and thereupon the Said W^m Seward your Orators father as Son and heir at Law to the Said George on Notice of the Said Georges Decease made Application to his Lordships Land Office for Patents for the Said Lands pursuant to the Certificates of Survey thereof. But So it hapned may it please your Excellency that a Certain Thomas Smithson of Talbot County and Thomas Smithson of Dorchester County had prevented the Said William by preferring to his Lordship in the absence of the Said George a Petition with many false Suggestions therein upon which was issued the following Warrant Viz^t.

MARYLAND SS. Whereas George Seward late of Dorchester County had Surveyed and laid out for him three Severall Tracts of Land lying in the Said County the one for 769 acres called Sectar another for 100 Acres called Camberlake and the other for 50 Acres called hardgrove, and Whereas Thomas