

Proclamation ¹⁹

By his Excellency the Capt Generall of Maryland

"To all the Inhabitants of the said Province or Others whom these may concerne Charles Calvert Esqr Capt Generall of the said Province sendeth Greeting Know yee That whereas severall persons are already seated within the limitations hereafter mentioned and aswell for the preservation of the peace in that part of the province as for the ease and benefitt of the Inhabitants there or which shall hereafter inhabite there I doe hereby declare & publish that from the mouth of the Susquehanough River and so downe the easterne side of Chesepeake Bay to Swan point and from thence to Hell point and so up Chester River to the head thereof is hereby erected into a County and called by the name of Cecill County. And I doe hereby further declare that the Southerne bounds of Baltimore County be the South side of Potapsco River and from the highest plantation, on that side of the River due south two miles into the woods And that the north side of Petuxent River beginning at the north side of Lynns Creeke be adjoynded to Ann Arrundell County And that the Sheriffs of the severall respective Countyes of Cecill, Baltimore, Ann Arrundell and Calvert make proclamation hereof in their said Countys respectively and imediately after proclamation Coppy hereof affix at the Court house doore of their respective Countyes In wittnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and caused the lesser Seale of this province to be hereunto affixed the sixth day of June in the 42th yeare of the Dominion of Cecilius &c Annoq Dom 1674

Charles Calvert

To Nathaniel Stiles High Sheriff of Cecill County"

The area thus included would embrace practically all of what is now Kent County. This was more than Baltimore County had included prior to the proclamation. Moreover, it contained Yarmouth town, where at times the Kent County Court had been held. Such a curtailment of territory, embracing some of the more populous districts, was apparently too much for the Kent countians. The Governor was quickly appraised of his error and within two weeks issued the following supplemental proclamation:

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"fforasmuch as by a late Proclamation beareing date the sixth day of this instant June some Additions were made to severall Countys upon the division of that of Baltimore County and by the same proclamation it was then declared that Swan Point downe to Hell point on Chester River should be and remaine for the future belonging to that Easterne side of the Bay lately erected and called by the name of Cecill County upon further consideration hereof it is thought most necessary that so much of the Easterne

¹⁹ Md. Arch., 15: 39.

²⁰ Md. Arch., 15: 41.