

This Province of Maryland bearing date the seventh Day of January in the  
 Eighth and twenty-seventh year of the Dominion of Cecilus of Noble memory Anno  
 Domini One thousand six hundred and fifty nine was given unto Capt Thomas  
 Howell deceased All that parcel of Land called Harby Long on the east side  
 of Chesapeake bay and on the south side of a Creek called Harby Long  
 containing six hundred and fifty Acres more or less, and the said Thomas  
 Howell as the Lord Prop of the Province was informed having  
 surreptitiously obtained a Patent for the said parcel of Land contrary to the  
 Condition of plantation of the said Cecilus of noble memory Comand was given  
 to the then Sheriff of Cecil County that by good and lawfull men of the  
 Parish he should make known to the heirs of the said Thomas Howell  
 or to the heirs of James Brown late Deceased that they be and appear  
 before the Lordships Justices in the high Court of Chancery hold at the  
 City of St Marys the fourth Day of April Anno 1676 to shew Cause  
 (if any they had) why the said Patent should not be vacated & annulled  
 & the said Land into the said Lordships hands be seized, And further to do and  
 receive what the said Court should Do or Cause to be Done in that  
 behalf, and how he should Execute that writ that he should make it appear  
 to the said Court the day aforesaid Att w<sup>ch</sup> said fourth day of April in the  
 year aforesaid the said Sheriff made a return of the writ aforesaid Endorsed the  
 six and thirtieth day of March 1676 that by virtue thereof he had warned  
 the heirs of Capt Thomas Howell late Deceased but for the heirs of James  
 Brown they did not to be found within the Parish Att w<sup>ch</sup> said fourth day  
 of April the heirs of the said Thomas Howell came not but made default  
 And afterwards (to witt) the seventh day of the same April the said Court  
 not being fully informed of the truth of the premises were of opinion that the  
 said Grant was surreptitiously obtained contrary to the Condition of plantation  
 of the said Cecilus of noble memory, and therefore Did Order that Philip Calver  
 Esq. Chancellor of the said Province should vacate the aforesaid Patent upon  
 Record, and did assigne the said Land to be and of right ought to be held in Fee  
 Right of the New Lord Proprietary of this Province, And thereupon the said  
 Lord Prop for and in Consideration of the full quantity of Twenty five thousand  
 pounds of Tobacco to him in hand paid by Richard Pullen in Cecil County in the  
 said Province Did by the said Patent under the great Seal of the said  
 Province bearing date the sixth Day of June Anno Domini One thousand six  
 hundred seventy nine GRANT unto him the said Richard Pullen the aforesaid piece  
 of Land called Harby Long and contrary to right, as by the Complaint of  
 John Brown the father of the said James Brown the Lordships hath received

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