

1657
An Act for the Erecting of Providence into a County
by the name of Arms Arundell County

Be it Enacted by the Lord Proprietary by and with the Assent and approbation of the upper and lower house of this Assembly That that part of the Province of Maryland on the west side of the bay of Chesapeake over against the Isle of Kent formerly called by the name of Providence by the Inhabitants there Residing and Inhabiting this year shall from henceforth be erected into a shire or County by the name of Arms Arundell County and by that name hereafter to be ever called

Act made and Enacted by William Pennell Esq: Governour
with the advice and consent of the upper and lower house
at a Generall Session of Assembly held at St Leonard
Beginning the 27th Aprill Anno Domini 1658

Whereas the Right Hon: the Lord Baltimore Lord and Proprietary of this Province by his Commission and Instructions to his Lieutenant and Principall Secretary under his Lordships hand and Great Seal at Arms bearing date the Eighteenth day of November Anno Domini one thousand six hundred fifty seven did give power to the said Lieutenant and Secretary to treat with and Ratify and confirm such Articles as should be agreed unto betwixt them and the Commissioners in whose hand the Government then was And whereas the Government hath been delivered into the hands of the said Lieutenant and Secretary for the use of the said Lord Baltimore upon certain Articles agreed upon betwixt the said Lieutenant and Secretary and the said Commissioners bearing date the four twentieth of March one thousand six hundred fifty seven signed and confirmed by his Lordships Lieutenant and Secretary under his Lordships great Seal of the Province as followeth (vizt)

1st That all ministers of Justice and Officers Military with all other persons whatsoever be and Remayne indemnified on both sides and freed from any charge or questioning for any Act or passage made or done in the transactions of the affairs of this Province since the first of December one thousand six hundred forty Nyn to the day of the date above written without further Consideration of Restitution or Satisfaction to be Required or made on either side

2^{dly} That all Sheriffs Clerks fees as well as Secretaries which Sheriffs Clerks and Secretaries have been made since the year one thousand six hundred fifty two shall be paid their due fees and Arrears thereof And that all duties and Taxes and Arrears of the same raised and levied by the two last Assemblies vizt in the year 1654 and 1657 and that their respective Counties charge be fully satisfied and that they are appointed

3^{dly} That no person whatsoever within the Province shall by reason of any Act made or done in Relation to the late Alteration of the