

Lordships or other persons to the intent thereon to sett a water mill they shall purchase a writt out of his Lordships Court of Chancery directed to the Sheriff of the County where such land lyeth requiring him by the Oathes of twelve men of his County to Enquire what damages itt would be to the Lord Proprietary or others to have a mill sett up in such place as aforesaid the forms of which writt followeth viz^t

Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Sheriff of N. N. County greeting wth Comand you that by the Oathes of twelve honest and Lawfull men of the County by whome the truth of the matter may be better known diligently to inquire if itt be to the Damage of us or others if we grant to N. N. of N. County Tenn Acres of Land lying att N. in the County aforesaid on each side of the Runn of water there Running together with liberty and licenced thereon to sett a certain watermill as also liberty to take, sell, cutt downe and carry away either by land or water any wood or Timber fitt for building of a mill other then Timber fitt to splitt into Lapboards upon any the land next adjoyning to the said Tenn Acres of Land lying on each side the Runn of water att N. N. aforesaid in the County aforesaid And if itt be to the damage or prejudice of us or others then to what damage and what prejudice of vs and to what damage and prejudice of others and of whom and in what manner and how and of who or of whom the aforesaid Tenn Acres of Land are holden and by what service and in what manner and how and of what value they are by the years according to the true value of them now before any further improvement made of the said Tenn Acres and who and the present possessor of the said Tenn acres and who and how many and the measure between us and the present possessor of the said Tenn acres and what lands or Tenements remaine to the present possessor over the said Tenn acres And if the lands remaining to the present possessor over the said Tenn Acres will suffice to uphold their manor viz^t the sixth part of the Mannor allotted by the Conditions of plantation for the Demands as before the Alienacion for building of a mill And that the said possessor in Assizes Juries and Recognitions may be putt as before the Alienacion soe that the County by the Alienacion aforesaid in default of the present possessor more then was wont be not charged and greivd and the Inquisition thereupon openly and distinctly made to us in our Chancery under thy Seale and the Seals of them by whom itt was made without delay and upon Returns of which writt in case the person or persons whereby the said Inquest shall be found to be the true owners and possessor of the said land fitt to build a mill upon shall Profuse to build a mill thereon and to give Security to the Lord Proprietary by bond of fifty thousand pounds of Tobacco with Condition to begin to build a mill thereon within