

O F M A R Y L A N D.

CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To ALL to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING.

II. WHEREAS our well beloved and right trusty Subject *CÆCILIUS CALVERT*, Baron of *BALTIMORE*, in our Kingdom of *Ireland*, Son and Heir of *GEORGE CALVERT*, Knight, late Baron of *BALTIMORE*, in our said Kingdom of *Ireland*, treading in the Steps of his Father, being animated with a laudable, and pious Zeal for extending the *Christian Religion*, and also the Territories of our Empire, hath humbly besought Leave of Us, that he may transport, by his own Industry, and Expence, a numerous Colony of the *English Nation*, to a certain Region, herein after described, in a Country hitherto uncultivated, in the Parts of *America*, and partly occupied by Savages, having no Knowledge of the Divine Being, and that all that Region, with some certain Privileges, and Jurisdictions, appertaining unto the wholesome Government, and State of his Colony and Region aforesaid, may by our Royal Highness be given, granted, and confirmed unto him, and his Heirs.

III. KNOW YE therefore, that WE, encouraging with our Royal Favour, the pious and noble Purpose of the aforesaid Barons of *BALTIMORE*, of our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have GIVEN, GRANTED, and CONFIRMED, and by this our present CHARTER, for US, our Heirs, and Successors, do GIVE, GRANT, and CONFIRM, unto the aforesaid *CÆCILIUS*, now Baron of *BALTIMORE*, his Heirs, and Assigns, all that Part of the Peninsula, or *Chersonesse*, lying in the Parts of *America*, between the Ocean on the East, and the Bay of *Chesapeake* on the West, divided from the Residue thereof by a Right Line drawn from the Promontory, or Head-Land, called *Watkin's Point*, situate upon the Bay aforesaid, near the River of *Wighco*, on the West, unto the Main Ocean on the East; and between that Boundary on the South, unto that Part of the Bay of *Delaware* on the North, which lieth under the Fortieth Degree of North Latitude from the *Æquinoctial*, where *New-England* is terminated: And all the Tract of that Land within the Metes underwritten (*that is to say*) passing from the said Bay, called *Delaware Bay*, in a right Line, by the Degree aforesaid, unto the true Meridian of the first Fountain of the River of *Pattowmack*, thence verging towards the South, unto the further Bank of the said River, and following the same on the West and South, unto a certain Place called *Cinquack*, situate near the Mouth of the said River, where it disembogues into the aforesaid Bay of *Chesapeake*, and thence by the shortest Line unto the aforesaid Promontory or Place, called *Watkin's Point*; so that the whole Tract of Land, divided by the Line aforesaid, between the Main Ocean, and *Watkin's Point*, unto the Promontory called *Cape-Charles*, and every the Appendages thereof, may entirely remain excepted for ever to US, our Heirs, and Successors.

IV. ALSO WE do GRANT, and likewise CONFIRM unto the said Baron of *BALTIMORE*, his Heirs, and Assigns, all Islands and Islets within the Limits aforesaid, all and singular the Islands, and Islets, from the Eastern Shore of the aforesaid Region, towards the East, which have been, or shall be formed in the Sea, situate within Ten marine Leagues from the said Shore; with