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CHARLES by the Grace of God, King of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Subject, *Cecilius Calvert*, Baron of *Baltimore*, in our Kingdom of *Ireland*, Son and Heir of *Sir George Calvert*, Knight, late Baron of *Baltimore* in the same Kingdom of *Ireland*, pursuing his Father's Intentions, being excited with a laudable and pious Zeal for the Propagation of the *Christian Faith*, and the Enlargement of our Empire and Dominion, hath humbly besought leave of Us, by his Industry and Charge, to transport an ample Colony of the *English Nation* unto a certain Country hereafter described, in the parts of *America*, not yet Cultivated and Planted, tho' in some parts thereof Inhabited by certain barbarous People, having no Knowledge of Almighty God, and hath humbly besought Our Royal Majesty to Give, Grant, and Confirm All the said Country, with certain Priviledges and Jurisdctions, requisite for the good Government, and State of *his Colony*, and Country aforesaid, to him and his Heirs for ever.

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KNOW YE therefore, That We, favouring the Pious and Noble Purpose of the said Barons of *Baltimore*, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer 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 said *Cecilius*, now Baron of *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, All that part of a Peninsula, lying in the parts of *America*, between the Ocean on the *East*, and the Bay of *Chesapeake* on the *West*, and divided from the other part thereof, by a Right Line draw from the Promontory or Cape of Land, called,

Let me note a pregnant fact touching upon the choice of the lands on Chesapeake, made by Sir George Calvert, his son Cecilius, that the latter, in his father's life-time had a particular view in the selection of the said place.

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