

and not leased them, to the Intent to put up a Mill thereon; they shall purchase out of the Court of Chancery, a Writt ad Quod Damnum, the Form of which Writt followeth, viz.

FREDERICK Lord Baron of BALTIMORE, Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of MARYLAND and AVALON.

*To the Sheriff of* County Greeting, We command you, That by the Oaths of twelve honest and lawful Men of the County, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be better known, you diligently inquire, if it be to the Damage of Us, and others, if We Grant N. N. of N. Twenty Acres of Land, lying at S. in the County aforesaid, viz. Ten Acres on one Side of such Run, and Ten Acres on the other Side of such Run of Water, together with the Liberty, to take, fall, cut down, and carry away either by Land or Water, any Wood or Timber fit for building a Mill, other than Timber fit to split in Clap Boards, upon the Lands next adjoining to the said Twenty Acres of Land, lying on each side of the said Run of Water at S. aforesaid, in the County aforesaid; and if it be to the Damage and Prejudice of Us, or others, then to what Damage and Prejudice to Us, and to what Damage and Prejudice of others, and of whom, in what Manner, and how, and of what Value they are by the Year, according to the true Value thereof, now before any Improvement of the said Twenty Acres of Land, and who are the present Possessors of the said Twenty Acres of Land, and what Lands and Tenements remain to the present Possessor, over the said Twenty Acres of Land, and if the said Land remaining to the present Possessor, over the said Twenty Acres, will suffice to uphold their Mannour, viz. the sixth Part of their Mannour, allotted them by the Conditions of Plantation, for the Demejue, as before the Alienation, so as the County by the Alienation aforesaid, in Default of the present Possession more than was wont, be not charged and grieved, and the Inquisition thereupon openly and distinctly made to Us in our Chancery, under the Seal and Seals of them by whom it was made, without Delay send &c.

UPON the Return of which Writt, if the Proprietor of the Lands refuse to build a Mill thereon, in one Year thereafter. and to find Surety for prosecuting and finishing the same, within two Years after beginning, and laying the Foundation thereof; it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Proprietary, or his Chief Governor for the Time being, from time to time, to grant such Twenty Acres of Land fit to build a Mill on, with free egress and regress to the said Water Mill, either by Land through any other Persons Land or also by Water, together with Liberty to fall any Timber for building the same, (Timber proper for Clap Boards excepted) for any term of Years, not exceeding Eighty Years, under the yearly Rent ascertained by the Inquest to be paid to the Owner, which Grant shall be good against all Persons whatsoever.

THE Grantee, shall before obtaining such Grant, enter into Bond, with two sufficient Sureties, to the Lord Proprietary, in the Sum of Fifty Thousand Pounds Weight of Tobacco, to begin the Building of said Water Mill in one Year, then next to come, and the Building to prosecute and finish within two Years, after such beginning.