

Thirty minutes to the Southward from the Northern bound of the Land  
Granted by his Ma<sup>ty</sup> of Great Brittain to the Lord Proprietary of  
Maryland as by his Lordships Patent more largely doth appear  
But understanding the said Town of New Castle (since his Majesty  
was most Graciously pleased to send forces to reduce it from the  
Usurpt power of Dutch) hath been protected under the Government  
of New York I could no less but acquaint your Honour of the claim I  
have made, and do by these presents make in the name of the Right  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary of Maryland, to the said Town of New  
Castle and unto all the Island and Territories lying on the west to the  
main Ocean and Delaware from the Bounds of Virginia unto the  
Latitude of forty degrees northward so hoping your honor will  
not be an Obstruction to my proceedings but Quickly suffer his  
Majesty's Subjects to be seated under that power he hath most  
Graciously been pleased to Bestow upon the Lord Baron of Baltimore  
I rest your Honor's most humble Servant

Jerome White

At a Council of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary of this Province  
held at Saint Mary's the two and twentieth of October one Thousand six  
hundred sixty nine Present.

Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chand<sup>r</sup>

Jerome White

Baker Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> Councilors

Was then read his Lordships Instructions bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
July 1669 and according to his Lordships first Instruction his Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Nephew William Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> was admitted one of his Lordships  
Council and Ordered that Notice be given to Samuel Chew of Herring-  
ton in the County of Ann Arundell Esq<sup>r</sup> to appear to the next Provincial  
Court to take the Oath of Justice of the same Court and afterwards  
the Oath of one of his Lordship Council . . . . .

Ordered that the land by the water side and three miles into the  
woods above Piscataway be reserved and not surveyed until Ten  
Thousand acres be laid out for his Lordships use.

Ordered that from the whorohill to the degree forty northerly  
Latitude be erected into a County and called by the name of Durham  
County and that from the whorohill to mount Scarborough be like-  
wise erected into a County and called as the Lord Proprietary shall  
[hereafter]