

Inhabiting in ~~Potomac~~ Bay which probably may redound much
the Benefit and Advantage of this Commonwealth if he may be
— authorized therein by the Government here, These are therefore in his
— Lordships Name to License and authorize the said Thomas Adams
with his Vessel or Vessels to Trade or Traffick with those of the
Swedish Nation in Delaware Bay or in any part of this Province
being not Enemies to the Commonwealth of England as also with any
Indians on the Eastern Shore of the Bay of Chesapeake within this
Province not in open Hostility with the Inhabitants here with and
for any Merchandize Trade or Truck not any ways prohibited or
Forbidden by the Laws of this Province provided that the said Thomas
Adams in his Trade aforesaid be careful to keep his said Vessel or
Vessels well manned with fitting Arms and Ammunition for prevention
of any Danger from the said Indians or other Enemies provided
that he be conformable in the premises in every respect to the Laws
and Orders prescribed and appointed or any ways in Force here in
of Trading within this Province and this his present Commission in
that Behalf is to stand and remain in Force till the Lord Proprietary
of this Province or his Lieutenant or Chief Governor here for the times
being shall think fit to disannull and Revoke the same and no longer
Given at Saint Marys under the Great Seal of the said Province
the 18th day of March Anno Domini 1653

William Stone

By the Governor and Captain General
of Virginia with the Advice and Consent
of the Council of State

A Proclamation

Whereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty was pleased by
his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing
the Lord Baltimore a certain Tract of Land therein nominated and
more known by the Name of Province of Maryland with divers
Privileges and Franchises therein contained and also belonging as in and by the
said Letters Patents more at large appearing