

Maryland

By the Honourable the Governor and Council

Whereas the right Honourable vicibus Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore hath by his Instructions bearing date at London under his Hand & Seal the 21. day of March 1669 Comanded us to publish and Declare to all people that shall have a desire to Seat on the Sea board Side on the Eastern Shore or on Delaware Bay within the fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude and particularly at the Whole best his Lordships Conditions of plantations to all such as shall Transport themselves as aforesaid which is as followeth viz

Any Person of British or Irish Descent who shall desire to seat themselves in any of the places last mentioned shall take up there upon Credit any quantity of Lands or Number of Acres not exceeding three hundred to any one person and every such Grant for such Number of Acres shall be particular and by it self and so as there be reserved unto his Lordship and his Heirs upon every such Grant the Yearly Rent of One Shilling Sterling for every fifty Acres of Land so to be Granted as aforesaid and also all Royal Mines and so as every such Grant so to be taken up and Granted upon Credit as aforesaid be made and Granted upon Condition to be Void in Case the Grantee and Grantees to whom the same shall so be made and Granted his or their Heirs or Assigns Respectively do not or shall not within four Years to be accounted from the day of the date of such Grants or Grants Respectively bring in or import into the said province to reside or continue there one person of British or Irish Descent for every Fifty Acres so to be Granted upon Credit as aforesaid and make sufficient proof of such bringing in and importation of any such person signed and sealed with the Seal of my Office

from the Honourable Governor and Council this 23. of 1670

By me

John Elliott Secretary