

William Talbot Esq: Principall Secretary of Maryland to William
Stevens and James Mason of the County of Somerset in the Province of
Maryland Gent Whereas the Right Honourable Charles Calvert Lord
and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron
of Baltimore & hath by his Instructions under his hand and Seal
bearing date at London the one and twentieth day of March 1669
Required and Enjoyed the Governor and Council of this Province to use
their utmost Power for the Seating and Inhabiting of the Sea board
Side on the Eastern Shore and on Delaware Bay within the fortieth
Degree of Northerly Latitude and particularly at the Whore kill, and for
that his said Lordship hath by his Commission under his Hand and
Greater Seal at Arms Empowered me for the Granting of such Warrants
as also for the proving of all Rights that shall become due to any
Person either by transporting himself into this Province of Maryland
to Inhabit or by serving his Time here in this Province either by
my Self or my sufficient Deputy or Deputies and very well
knowing that it will be more ease to the Inhabitants of the County
of Somerset if they can have such Conditional Warrants granted them
in the said County as also their Rights either for Transportation or
Service proved in the said County and not to be put to the Trouble of
Coming over to my Office at the City of Saint Marys ~~therefore~~ therefore as well
in Obedience to his said Lordships Instructions and to Advance the
Seating and Selling of the places aforesaid as desiring the Convenience
of the Inhabitants of the said County of Somerset and being very
well assured of your Care Fidelity Circumspection and Faithfulness
have Deputed Constituted and Appointed you and either of you
Jointly and Severally my Deputies for the proving Rights to Land
and Granting Warrants thereon to all such persons as shall take
up Lands in the County of Somerset aforesaid, and the whole
Sea board Side on the Eastern Shore according to his Lordships Instruc-
tions aforesaid and you or either of you under either or both your
Hands to direct to any Surveyor ~~any~~ any out of such Lands
by the said Warrants shall you Residing under