

the Bounds of our said Province to extend to the Sea board Side and  
Delaware Bay to the fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude and for that  
We have by our Instructions several times to our Lieutenants by Council  
and more particularly in our Instructions bearing date the one and  
twentieth day of March 1669 Commaunded our said Lieutenants by Council  
to Use their utmost Endeavour for the Seizing of the said Sea board Side  
on the Eastern Shore, the Whole Kent and Delaware Bay to the fortieth  
Degree of Northerly Latitude according to the Bounds mentioned in  
the said Letters Patents afore Recited and for that We are informed  
that Several persons are seated there without our Leave or License or  
without the Leave or License of our Captain General of our said  
Province And We having erected that part of our said Province  
beginning at the Southernmost Branch of a Bay now called Rehoboth  
Bay and from thence running Northerly up the Sea board Side to  
the South Cape of Delaware Bay and thence to the Whole Kent Creek  
and up the Bay to the fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude into a  
County and do hereby erect the same into a County and it is our Will  
and Pleasure that it shall be a County and be called by the Name  
of Worcester County in our said Province of Maryland and We have  
appointed as well a Commander of the Forces in the said County  
for the Suppresson of all Tumults Insurrections or Insolencies Committed  
in the said County against our peace as also Courts of Judicature for  
the Administration of Justice within the said County and other Officers  
and Ministers necessary and fit to be Ordained and Deputed in a  
County and further We do hereby declare unto all the Inhabitants  
of the said County that We will take them under our Government  
and that We will to the utmost Protect and Defend them as We  
are Bound to do all other the good People our Inhabitants of our  
said Province and to shew how much We Value those Persons that  
shall endeavour to seat themselves in our said County of Worcester Our  
said Instructions of the one and twentieth of March 1669 will sufficiently  
manifest and to shew our former Good Will to the Inhabitants of  
our said County and to shew our Good Will to those Persons Travelling to Saint Marys to the