

Secretarys Office to prove their Rights and take out Warrants for Land
We have to that end and purpose enjoined Francis Suters an
Inhabitant and Resident in the said County to do and perform the
same in our said County West of our self at our City of St. Marys
the twentieth day of June in the fourth year of our Dominion
over our said Province Annoq. Dom. 1672

Charles Calvert Captain General and Chief Governour of the Province
of Maryland under the Right Honourable Cecilius Lord Baltimore
Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the same to Captain Thomas Howell
of the County of Baltimore in the said Province of Maryland Gent
Greeting Whereas his most Excellent Majesty Charles the first of Blessed
Memory King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of
the Faith &c did by his Letters patents under the Great Seal of
England Bearing date the 20th day of June in the eighth year of his
Majestys Reign and in the year of Our Lord 1632 grant unto the
said Lord Proprietary this Province of Maryland according to the
Bounds in the said Letters patent mentioned and expressed Wherein
his said Majesty of Blessed Memory specifieth the Bounds of this
Province to extend to the Sea Board Side and Delaware Bay to the
fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude and for that the said Lord
Proprietary hath lately erected a County on the said Sea board Side
at a place called the Whore keel and called it by the Name of
Worcester County which said County was Inhabited by several Persons
who had taken the Oath of Fidelity to his said Lordship and for
that I am informed that Several persons Subjects of the States General
of the United Provinces have since taken possession of the said County
by Force of Arms to the utter Ruin of several the Inhabitants of the
said County and Dishonour of his said Lordship of his Just Right,
I therefore upon the special Trust and Confidence that I have in
Your Fidelity Circumspection Courage and good Conduct do hereby Constitute
Ordain and Appoint you the said Captain Thomas Howell Commander
in Chief under me of Fortys Able Men raised and pressed by you