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the 2^d day of June Anno Domini 1677

Present

Thomas . Vallery Esq: Lieutenant General and Chief Governour

the honorable } Philip Calvert Esq: Chancellor
William Calvert Esq: Principal Secretary

Baker Brooke Esq: Surveyor General

Major Benjamin Prozer

Whereas the Governor and Council are informed that there are several Persons that are seated within this Province on the Sea board Side and do pretend to be under the Government of New York It is therefore ordered that a Special Warrant be granted to Mr. William Stevier for eight thousand Acres of Land to be proportioned out by him for the Encouragement of such as will seat there on the said Sea board Side and that such Persons as seat there shall have Seven Years Liberty to make good Rights for the said Land paying to his Lordship only the Rent of Two Shillings Sterling yearly for every Hundred Acres and further it is ordered that those that seat nearest the Head hills shall have out of the said Eight thousand Acres one thousand Acres of Land for a Family having in it three Working Hands at the least and the rest of the eight thousand Acres to be proportioned out at Two Hundred Acres each Family having in it two Working Hands at the least Provided such as intend to seat there shall settle betwixt this time and the last of November next and there build and not desert their Plantations And it is further Ordered that at the Return of Col. Henry Courcy from New York a Letter be sent to the Governor of New York to know whether those Persons who have unchroached upon his Lordships Province do own him for their Governor and that there may be a right Understanding betwixt the two Governments

Maryland

By the Lord Proprietary

A Proclamation

Forasmuch as the settling up of Lands by Rights within this Our Province of Maryland hath proved not only Grievous and Burthensome