

His Majesty having determined to alter his Conditions of plantation within this Province and caused Proclamation to be accordingly drawn, was pleased to Communicate the same to his Council for their Approbation, which being read and heard was approved of and consented to by the whole board present and is as followeth.

By the Lords Proprietors  
A Proclamation

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We having for diverse good causes and Considerations as therunto moving fully resolved and determined to alter our Condition of plantation of this our Province and communicated to our Council such our resolutions We have thought fitt (by and with their advice and Consent) by this our Proclamation to Publish and make knowne the same in manner following, viz. That all persons Adventurers or others of British or Irish Descent Inhabiting residing or trading into this Province desirous to take up any Quantity or Quantities of Land within this Province shall pay or secure to be paid unto us or our heirs or such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same the just quantity of One hundred and twenty pounds of Tobacco in Cash for the first purchase together with two Shillings Sterling yearly Rent for every fifty acres of Land, he and they shall make choice of and take up as aforesaid in any part of this our Province, except on the Seaboard side and Delaware Bay and River to the fortieth degree of Northern Latitude, which for encouragement of such person or persons as shall desire and undertake to Settle the same. We will shall and may taken up by any person or persons of the descent aforesaid in any Quantity not exceeding the number of five hundred Acres in one tract to any One person, he or they paying or securing to be paid therefor unto us or our heirs or such Officer or Officers as aforesaid after the rate of sixty pounds of Tobacco in Cash for the first purchase together with one Shilling Sterling yearly Rent for every fifty acres, which they shall take up as aforesaid except also in that part of this our Province on the frontiers thereof which we will and intend shall be erected into a County by the name of New Ireland;

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