

By y^e Hon^{ble} the Governour and Councell

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Whereas y^e Right Hon^{ble} James absolute Lord & propri^{ty} of y^e province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore hath by his Instructions bearing date at London under his hand & Seal y^e 21st day of March 1669 commanded us to publish & declare to all people y^e shall have a desire to seat on y^e Sea board Side on y^e Eastern Shore or on Del Bay 10th in y^e fortyeth degree of Northernly Lat^{it} and particularly at y^e Whorekill his Maj^{ties} Condemns of Plantations to all such as shall transport themselves as aforesaid which is as followeth - viz^t

Any person of British or Irish descent who shall desire to seat themselves in any of y^e places last mentioned shall take up land upon credit any quantity of acres or Number of Acres not exceeding three hundred to any one person, & every such grant for such Number of Acres And by it self & so as there be reserved unto his Maj^{ties} & his heirs upon every such grant y^e yearly rent of one Shilling ster^{ling} for every fifty Acres of land so to be granted as aforesaid & also all Royall M^{onies}. So as every such grant so to be taken up & granted upon credit as aforesaid shall be made & granted upon condition to be void in case y^e grantee or grantees to whom y^e same shall be made & granted his or their heirs or Assignes Respectively do not or shall not w^{ithin} four Years to be Accompted from y^e day of y^e date of such grant or grants respectively being in or brought into y^e said Province to reside & continue there one person of British or Irish descent for every fifty Acres so to be granted upon credit as aforesaid, & make sufficient proof of such being in & maintenance of every such person, Signed & Sealed w^{ith} y^e Seal of my Office by order from y^e Hon^{ble} y^e Governour & Councell this 28th of December 1670

By me - William Talbot Secretary

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Charles Calvert Esq^r Lieut^{en} Governour of y^e province of Maryland To James Woodson of y^e County of Lancaster in y^e said Province Gent^{leman} greeting Whereas y^e Right Hon^{ble} James absolute Lord & propri^{ty} of y^e province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore hath by his Commission under his hand & greater Seal at London appointed & appointed me his vice Gen^{erall} and Chief Governour of this said Province & given me full power & absolute Authority upon any Emergent occasion to constitute & appoint any Officer Military or Civil w^{ithin} this Province as to me should seem Expedient, & for y^e his said Lord hath by his Instructions of y^e 21st of March 1669 required my self & Councell to use our utmost Endeavour for y^e Seating & Inhabiting of the Sea board Side on y^e Eastern Shore & on Del Bay 10th in y^e fortyeth degree of Northernly Lat^{it} & particularly at y^e Whorekill & for y^e Jerome White Esq^r Survey^{or} Gen^{erall} of this Province is at y^e Present absent from y^e Province, & although y^e said Survey^{or} hath taken care to Depute Thomas Stocket of y^e County of Ann Arundell gen^{erall} Deput^y Survey^{or} Gen^{erall} to Act in his Absence w^{ith} as full power & Authority as if he were personally present yet considering y^e Remoteness of y^e said Deput^y Survey^{or} Gen^{erall} habitacon from y^e Office whence Comissions to Deput^y Survey^{or} ought to Issue & y^e great Necessity and want y^e there is of a Deput^y Survey^{or} both in y^e County of Somerset & on y^e Sea board Side on y^e Eastern Shore & in Obedience to his Maj^{ties} Instructions for y^e speedy Seating of y^e said places & reposing y^e special Trust & Confidence in y^e ability Skill & Circumspection in y^e Art of Surveying in y^e laying out of lands & running out of lines have by these presents do Authorise depute constitute & appointe you y^e said James Woodson to be a Deput^y Survey^{or} in as full & ample manner, as any other Deput^y Survey^{or} is at y^e Present in this Province & to execute all Warrants y^e shall come to y^e Hands either from my self or secret^{ly} for y^e time being in other Officer Empowred to grant Warrants for y^e Surveying of Land or running out of new lines as aforesaid Provided y^e you shall not exact more than one half of y^e fees profits & perquisites arising coming or in any Manner by the said Office