

by the said Office of Survey arising or becoming due & yett half pay or Cause to be paid to y^e said Survey^r Gen^l or his Assignes & also before y^e said Office you shall take y^e oath of a Survey^r before William Steben gen^l whom I have Appointed to Administer y^e same to y^e said Survey^r Gen^l into Bonds to y^e Survey^r Gen^l to be accountable for half y^e said profits as aforesaid and my hand & y^e speciall Seal of y^e said Province of Maryland y^e 24th day of Decem^r: in y^e year of y^e Dominion of a^ltilius Annoq^{ue} Dom 1670.

Copy of y^e oath & bond sent according to y^e ten^r: of y^e above Com^{miss}ion -

CCCB: 708 no 9

We Willis Absolute Lord & propri^{et} of y^e province of Maryland & Avalon & Baron of Baltimore to all our Inhabitants w^{ch} in our Co^{ty} of Worcester in our said province of Maryland Traveling in our said ever lasting know^lge of whereas his most Excellent Majesty of blessed Memory Charles y^e first by y^e Grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of y^e faith &c. did by his Letters patents under y^e Great Seal of England bearing date y^e twentieth day of June in y^e Eightth year of his Majesty's reign Annoq^{ue} Dom 1632 grant unto us this province of Maryland according to y^e bounds in y^e said letters patents mentioned & expressed wherein his said Majesty of blessed memory specifyeth y^e bounds of our said province to extend to y^e Seaboard Side & Debb Bay to y^e fortieth degree of Northerly Lat^{it} & for y^e we have by our Instructions severall times to our Coun^{sil} & more particularly in our Instructions bearing date y^e one & Twentieth day of March one thousand six hundred Sixty Nine Comanded our Coun^{sil} to use their utmost Endeavours for y^e Seating of y^e said Seaboard Side on y^e Eastern Side of Schockhill & Delaware Bay to the fortieth degree of Northerly Lat^{it} according to y^e bounds mentioned in y^e said letters patents aforesaid And for y^e we are Informed y^e severall persons are Seated there w^{ch} out our Leave or Licence or w^{ch} out y^e leave or Licence of our Capt^{ain} Gen^l of our said Province And We having erected y^e part of our said province beginning at y^e Southernmost branch of a Bay now called Behobolth Bay and from thence running Northerly up y^e Seaboard Side to y^e South side of Debb Bay & thence to y^e Schockhill Creek and up y^e Bay to y^e fortieth degree of Northerly Lat^{it} Into a Co^{ty} & hereby erect y^e same into a County & it is our will & pleasure y^e it shall be a Co^{ty} & be called by y^e Name of Worcester &c. in our said province of Maryland & we have Appointed as well a Commander of y^e forces in y^e said Co^{ty} for y^e Suppression of all Tumults Insurrections or Insolencies Comitted in y^e said Co^{ty} against our peace as also Courts of Judicature for y^e Administ^{er}ing of Justice w^{ch} in y^e said Co^{ty} & other Officers & Ministers necessary & fitt to be ordained & Deputed in a Co^{ty} & further we Doe hereby declare unto all y^e Inhabitants of y^e said Co^{ty} y^e we will take them under our Governm^{ent}: & y^e we will to y^e utmost p^{ro}tect & defend them as we are bound to do all other y^e good people our Inhabitants of our said province & to shew how much we value thos^e y^e sons y^e shall Endeav^{er}: to Seat themselves in our said Co^{ty} of Worcester our said Instrum^{ent}: of y^e one & twentieth of March one thousand six hundred Sixty Nine will Sufficiently Manifest & to shew our further good will to y^e Inhabitants of our said Co^{ty} & to p^{ro}vent their Traveling to St ^{Marys} to y^e Sec^{retary} office to prove their rights & take out Warrants for Land We have to y^e End & purpose Empowered Francis Jenkins our Inhabitant & Resident in y^e said Co^{ty} to do & perform y^e same in y^e said Co^{ty} Witness our self at our City of St ^{Marys} y^e Nineteenth day of June in the fortieth Year of our Dominion over our said Province Annoq^{ue} Dom one Thousand Six hundred Seventy Two.