

Maryland

At a Council held at the City of St. Marys the 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1670

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William Salbot Esq<sup>r</sup> Principal Secretary of Maryland To  
W<sup>m</sup> Stevens and James Weedon of the County of Somerset in the Province of  
Maryland Gent<sup>l</sup> Whereas the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> William absolute Lord and Proprietor  
of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore hath by  
his instructions under his hand and seal bearing date at London the One and  
Twentieth day of March 1669 required and enjoyned the Governour and Council  
of this province to use their utmost power for the Sealing and Inhabiting  
of the Seaboard Side on the Eastern Shore and on Delaware Bay within the  
fortyeth degree of Northernly Latitude and particularly at the aforesaid, and  
for that his said Lordship hath by his Commission under his hand and greater  
Seal of Arms Empowred me for the granting of such warrants as also for the  
proving of all Rights that shall be due to any person either by transporting  
himself into this province of Maryland to Inhabit or by serving his time here  
in this province either by my self or my Suff<sup>y</sup> Deput<sup>y</sup> or Deput<sup>y</sup>s and very well  
knowing that it will be more easy to the Inhabitants of the County of  
Somerset if they can have such Conditionall warrants granted them in the said  
County as also their Rights either for Transportation or Service proved in the said  
County and not be put to the Trouble of coming over to my office at the City  
of St. Marys. - Therefore as well in Obedience to his said Lordships  
Instructions and to advance the Sealing and settling of the Places as  
desiring the Commodities of the Inhabitants of the said County of Somerset  
and being very well assured of your Care Fidelity Circumspection and  
Faithfulness have desired consulted and appointed you and either of you  
Soyally and severally my Deput<sup>y</sup>s for the proving Rights to Land and  
granting warrants as aforesaid to all such persons as shall take up Land  
in the County of Somerset and the whole Seaboard side on the Eastern  
Shore according to his said Lordships Instructions aforesaid or either of  
you under either or both your hands to direct to any person for the  
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