

Anno 1658.

At a Cancell held at Wicocomaco
13^o Aprilis

Joseph [unclear] The Generall
Philip [unclear] Secretary
Cap^t [unclear] [unclear]

Upon Reading his Lordships of the November last the [unclear] with the approbation of Philip Calvert Esq^r Secretary according to his 10th instruction did read with m^r Robert Clarke to the place of Cancellor, & upon his taking the oath presently made

Present ^{As before}
m^r Robert Clarke Surveyor General

Ordered That it be propounded to the Assembly to appoint some fitt persons to treat with the Government of Virginia concerning the future settling of Tobacco.

That for the benefit of trade the Propositions of the London Merchants concerning Stores be propounded to the Assembly.

That it be propounded to the Assembly to make a law that the party cast in appeal shall pay trebble damages, for the prevention of vexatious suits.

That it be propounded also that the Cancellors in regard of their constant attendance & dayly expence be freed from Tax for themselves & their pot as the Cancellors of Virginia are.

That a Commission be drawn up for the keeping of a Court on the North side of Wicocomaco River, & that that part of the Province be divided into a County.

That a Proclamation forthwith be set out enjoining the taking the oath of Fidelity by all persons who have since the 24th of March last com into this Province, or shall hereafter com to inhabit here, as followeth.

Proclamation.

By the Lieutenant General

Opel: Touching the Oath of Fidelity

It being the undoubted right of the Lord Proprietary of this Province of Maryland to dispose of all lands within this his Province when to whom and upon what conditions he pleaseth, his 10th having in his goodness pleased to propound to all people in general, & in particular to a people then resident in place to inhabit certaine Conditions of Plantation bearing date at London 2^o of July 1649 w^{ch} Conditions as to the Number of acres to be granted to every person his 10th for the good of the Colony in general thought fitt afterwards to reduce to a lesser number than formerly by his declaration bearing date 26 August 1651 to be published to the Generall Assembly of this Province w^{ch} Conditions of Plantation with such alteration as aforesaid doe still remaine in force, no other The punctuall performance of them being the roote of our mens right I have thought fitt for the avoiding of future disputes