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Cecilus Esquire Lord and Proprietary of the
provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of
Baltimore &c. To all persons to whom this present
shall come Greeting in Our Lord God ever lasting
Whom as **Hendrick Johnson** Late of Amsterdam
belonging to the States of Holland and Subject of
the Nation aforesaid having for some time before
within this Our province of Maryland hath by sought
us to grant him the said **Hendrick Johnson** leave
to inhabit and as a free Dominion freedom
Land to him and his heirs to purchase Know you
that We willing to give Due encouragement to
Subjects of that Nation Do hereby Certify him
said **Hendrick Johnson** to be a free Dominion of this
province of Maryland and Do further for us Our
Heirs and Successors straightly enjoin constitute
ordain and command that the said **Hendrick Johnson**
be in all things hold treated reputed and esteemed as
One of the faithful people of us Our Heirs and
Successors borne within this Our province of Maryland
And likewise any lands tenements Revenues Services &
Other hereditaments what soever within Our said province
of Maryland may Inherit or otherwise purchase
receive take have hold Buy and possess may
occupy and enjoy give sell alien and bequeath as
likewise all liberties franchises & privileges of this
Our province of Maryland freely quietly and
peaceably have and possess occupy and enjoy as Our
faithful people borne or to be borne within Our
said province of Maryland without the least molestation
or vexation troubled or hindered of us Our Heirs and
Successors any customs to the contrary hereof in any
wise notwithstanding Given at St. Maries and our
great seals of Our said province of Maryland
this six and twentieth day of February in the
seventh year of Our Dominion Over Our said
province Anno Domini One thousand six hundred
sixty eight. Witness Our hand here Charles
Calvert Esq. Our Lieutenant Governour and Chief
Governour of Our said province of Maryland