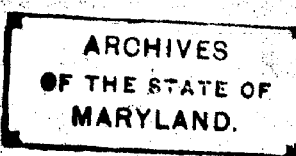


shall be understood that upon such election you the said Sheriff shall as soon as conveniently may be certify and transmit to the Chancellor of this said Province for the time being one part of the said several and respective Indentures so sealed up under your hand and seal and directed to the Lieutenant General of this said Province and also to the said Chancellor and the other part of the said Indentures; you the said Sheriff are to keep for your Justification Given under my hand and seal this 18 day of December in the 39th year of the dominion of Cecilius & Annoq Domini 1670



William Talbot Esq^r Principal Secretary of Maryland to William Stevens and James Widon of the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland Gent^l whereas the Right Hon^{ble} Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c 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 Governor and Council of this Province to use their utmost power for the sealing and inhabiting of the Sea board side on the Eastern shore and on Delaware Bay within the fortieth degree of Northerly Latitude and particularly at the Whorekill and for that this said Lordship hath by his Commission under his hand and greater Seal at Arms enjoyned me for the granting of such warrants as also for the proving of all rights that shall become due to any person either by transporting himself into this Province of Maryland to inhabit or by serving his term here in this Province either by my self or my sufficient deputy or deputies and very well knowing that it will be more ease to the Inhabitants of the County of Somerset if they can have such Conditional warrants granted them in the said County and so their right either for transportation or service proved in the said County and not be put to the Trouble of coming over to my