

of Worcester in our said Province of Maryland greeting in our
 Lord God Everlasting Amen ye that whereas his most Excellent
 Majesty of Blessed memory Charles the first by the Grace of
 God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defender
 of the faith &c did by his Letters patents under the Great
 Seal of England bearing date the 20th day of June in the 8th
 Year of his Majesty's reign Anno Domini 1632 Grant unto
 us this Province of Maryland according to the Bounds in
 the said Letters patents mentioned what expressed whereas
 his said Majesty of Blessed memory specifeth the Bounds
 of our said Province to extend ^{to the Sea Board Side and Delaware Bay} to the fortieth degree Northwardly
 Latitude and for that we have in our instructions several
 times to our Lieutenant and Council and more particularly
 in our Instructions bearing date the ninth twentieth day
 of March One thousand six hundred sixty three Comanded
 our Lieutenant and Council to use their utmost endeavors
 for the setting of the said Sea Board side on the Eastern Shore
 the Whole neck and Delaware Bay to the fortieth degree Northwardly
 Latitude according to the bounds mentioned in the said
 Letters patents upon recited and for that we are informed that
 Several Persons are seated there without our Leave or License
 or without the Leave or License of our Captain General of our
 said Province and we having viewed that part of our Province
 beginning at the Southernmost Branch of a Bay now called
 Petoboth Bay and from thence running Northwardly up the
 Sea Board side to the South Cape of Delaware ^{Bay} and thence
 to the Whorehead Creek and up the Bay to the fortieth degree
 Northwardly Latitude into a County and do hereby set the
 same into a County and it is our will and pleasure that it
 shall be a County and called by the name of Worcester County
 in our said Province of Maryland & we have appointed
 as well a Commander of the forces in the said County