

At a Council held at the City of St Marys the first week of Novemb
1673. wherein was present.

His Excellency the Capt. Girdall.

The hon^{ble}: { Philip Calvert Esq^r Chancellor
Jeff^s Wharton Esq^r
Thomas Taylour Esq^r

Upon a motion of the hon^{ble}: Baker Brooke Esq^r Surveyor Girdall of this Province
that in the Act of Assembly for Surveyors there was no provision made what
any Surveyor should have for Surveying any quantity of Land whereby the Deputy
Surveyors are left to their own liberty and take what they please to the great
oppression and impoverishing of Divers of the Inhabitants of this Province his Excellency
and Council taking the same into their Consideration for alleviation of the like
inconvenience for the future do order that the Surveyors have Double fees for
Surveying any piece of Land that shall containe One hundred and forty acres
or more and for any piece of Land containing und^{er} One hundred and forty acres
the Surveyors shall demand and receive four hundred pounds of Tobacco for the
Surveying the same and no more, and of this all Deputy Surveyors within this
Province are to take notice at their pills and the Sheriff of each County is to
publish this ord^r at his County Court and affix a copy thereof at the Court
house of each County respectively that so the people and Surveyors of each
County having notice hereof the inconvenience which formerly hapned upon
such occasions may be prevented.

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Instructions given by the Right hon^{ble}: Sir Cecil Lord Baltimore absolute Lord
and Proprietary of Maryland & Avalon to his Deane James Calvert his
Esq^r Lieutenant of Maryland.

1 His Excellency doth hereby authorize his said Deane to suspend from time to time any of
his Excellency's officers or Council in Maryland of what Quality or Condition soever
they be from the Execution and profits of their respective office or offices
from being of his Excellency's Council & to if he find cause for the same to take
into his custody all such things as belong to any such office or offices & to
dispose of the Execution and receiving of the profits thereof at he shall
think fit till upon notice from his Excellency shall give other ord^r therein
any Quiescent Instructions warrant or ord^r heretofore given or granted
by his Excellency to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

2 His Excellency having received from his nephew Baker Brooke Esq^r his Surveyor
Girdall of Maryland a particular of certain lands & parcels to his Excellency in
the said Province together with an Estimate of their respective values
Retornd to him the said Baker Brooke by William Hensley Deputy
Surveyor

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