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An Ordinance of the Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq^r Gov^r
Gen^l & Chief Govern^r of the Province of Maryland & the
Hon^{ble} Council set forth published for the setting & Establish-
ing of a ferry to be constantly kept over Potomack River in
Calvert County.

Whereas many Inconveniencies have & do daily happen to divers the
Inhabitants of this Province that have occasion to travel either on horseback
or on foot over Potomack River about their lawfull occasions & And for that
severall Assemblies have Endeavour'd to make a Law for the same, but
could not pitch upon a person that would willingly undertake the same that
lived conveniently to performe it And whereas we did the first day of
March 1672. by our Ordinance under the great Seale of this Province
authorize & Impower George Berkwith of the said County on his assign'd
Keep Ferry Boats for the Transportation of men & horse either from Point
Patience over the River of Potomack to his owne house or from his owne
house over the said River to Point Patience provided the said Berkwith
should keep a sufficient Boat & man or men for the doing & performing the
same wind & weather permitting & And should not charge or demand
more of any person then by the same Ordinance was allowed & And also
provided that he take speciall care to Examine persons that he knew not
of his realme & knowledge to be free men & And that Runaway Servants
might not be help'd forwards by reason of the said Ferry Boat & And
forasmuch as severall Complaints have been made unto us by severall
the Inhabitants of this Province that the said George Berkwith hath not
observed performed satisfie'd & kept the articles & clauses & provisions in
the said Ordinance mentioned & Express'd which on his part were to be
observed satisfie'd & kept according to the true intent & meaning thereof
We doe vacate & make void the said License & Power to the said George
Berkwith so granted unto him as aforesaid & And doe by these presents
authorize & Impower Richard Lee or his assign'd to keep Ferry Boats
for to Transport men & horse from his now dwelling house over the
River of Potomack to his plantation on the other side or from thence
his dwelling house aforesaid & And to aske demand Receive & take for
every person he shall Transport either backwards or forwards over
the said River the summe of one shilling & And also to aske demand receive
& take for every horse he shall Transport as aforesaid the like summe

Ferry over
Potomack licensed
by Governor