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When and it hath bene doubted by the severall Sheriffs what Justice may be determined on by them for his Lord's Rents and the publique Rents The Comonwealth and Council doe declare that all the publique Rents and Duties due to his Lord the R. Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietor for satisfying his publique Charge and therefore by the Law of the Province to be paid upon the place before all other Debts due to any private person whatsoever as his Lord's Rents are and that for that reason the severall and respective Sheriffs ought and are hereby impowred to levy all the said Rents and publique dues by Distresse upon any Tobacco being and remaining upon any plantation within their severall and respective Bailiwicks though marked or pretended to be marked by any other person for his private Debt whatsoever.

By the Right Hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore
Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland.

Whereas certain Advice and information is lately given out of England that the Right Hon^{ble} Cecilus Lord Baron of Baltimore Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon departed this life the thirteenth of November last past By whose Death the Interest in right to this Province of Maryland and Government thereof doth undoubtedly devolve upon his Only Son and Heir the Right Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq^r late Governour and now Lord Baron of Baltimore Lord and Proprietary of the same. And whereas likewise by the Death of the said Proprietary all Comissions of what nature or kind soever as also all writts precepts & process at Law formerly granted in his name doe immediately cease and the late Government under him wholly determined To the end therefore that all due Obedience be yielded and paid unto the Right Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert now Lord Baron of Baltimore as Lord & Proprietor of Maryland and that all such Comissions writts precepts and process at Law as aforesaid may not become utterly void and remaine unexecuted It is hereby Ordered that all Sheriffs of the severall & respective Countyes of this Province of Maryland upon sight hereof cause publique proclamation to be made in their respective Countyes that the said Charles Calvert now Lord Baron of Baltimore is the true and absolute Lord & Proprietory of this Province of Maryland And that it is Our will and pleasure that all such Comissions writts precepts and process at Law as aforesaid be and are hereby continued in the same former force and authority as in them now expressed and intended And that all Officers both Civil & Military as also all other the good people of this Province hereby are required to take notice and that all due Obedience be given hereunto Given at Mattapany this fourth day of March Anno Domini 1675.

The like proclamation issued under his Lord's hand & the great Seal of this Province to the severall & respective Sheriffs within this Province.

Ch. Baltimore.