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Driving away their stocks into places remote from their  
owne usuall & accustomed haue to their great losse and  
damages, for prevention of which great absurdities for the  
future I doe hereby by & with the advice & consent of the  
Lords Council strictly prohibit & forbid all & all manner  
of persons whatsoever to range or hunt for wilde cattie,  
horses, hoggs, in his Lordps' Forest or elsewhere within the  
Province, except itt be upon his or their own proper land  
without a licence first had & obtained from my selfe or other  
person or persons lawfully authorized & empowered to  
grant the same, he or they obtaining such licence  
giving good & sufficient security that he or they shall  
not any wayes injure or offer any violence to or in any  
wise damage any of his Lordps' good people the Inhabitants  
of this Province in their stocks of cattie or hoggs, & that he  
or they having obtained such licence shall not by  
virtue thereof presume to hunt in any meadow or elsewhere  
whereof upon any mans land without leave or liberty  
so to doe first had & obtained from the person or persons  
living upon the same or to whom the said land of right  
belongeth and I doe hereby by & with the advice & consent  
aforesaid further strictly charge & command all & singular  
his Lordps' Justices of the peace within this Province & other  
publick Ministers of the same to take due Cognizance of  
the same and that all persons whatsoever within the severall  
respective Countyes & shires that shall offend therein or act  
contrary to the true intent & meaning hereof they binde to  
their good behavours raising him or them so offending to  
give good security for the same & for his or their appearance at  
the next Provinciaall Court to be holden for this Province after  
such offence done & committed Given at the City of S<sup>t</sup>. Maryes  
under the greater Seale of this Province the second day of October  
in the second yeare of the Dominion of the right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Charles our over this Province Anno<sup>1637</sup> Domini 1637

Charles absolute Lord & Prop<sup>r</sup> of the Province of Maryland  
& Avalon Lord Baltimore of your right trusty & right  
well beloved Countour Thomas Staley Esq<sup>r</sup> our Lieutenant  
Gen<sup>l</sup> & Chief Governour of our said Province of Maryland  
greeting Whereas the severall exigencies of our affaires  
are such that we finde itt wholly impossible for us to returne  
into our said Province of Maryland so as to be personally

I present