

Mem: The oath of Secretary was Administered by within named
Nicholas Swann and John Darvall this fifth day of May
Annoqz Dni 1682: Henry Darvall
Wm Digges

Maryld Co.

By the Lord Prop: a Proclamation

Whereas it is hereby upon land by Rts within this our Province of Maryland
proceed not only grievous burthen to w^{ch} inhabitants of this our Province as well for want of full
Rt upon their occasions as for paying fees & fines: & ravageant & detraction of w^{ch} goods but also
very injurious and prejudicial to our self by undue and unjust pretence made of such Rights as we have
been by our former, we do hereby for a full & safe benefit & satisfaction of this our
Province, and other persons inhabiting trading or residing within y^e same, as also for y^e preservation of our
more just rights and property hereby fully resolve & determine: That no right shall
hereafter be proved admitted or allowed off for y^e taking up of land within our Province as
usually by the conditions of Grantation of our late dear Father Cecilus J. of Noble Memory
was then accustomed: but that y^e encouragement of any person or persons to venture or adventure
or other inhabiting trading or trading within this Province, we do resolve & determine
by this our Proclamation to be published and made known: That any person or persons venturing trading
trading or residing within this our Province, and willing to take up any land here shall for
every fifty acres of land: or they shall signify w^{ch} up as a forsaide pay or cont.
to be paid unto us or our Treas: the just quantity of one hundred pounds of tobacco in Cash
together with two shillings sterling yearly rent, unless on the Shaboard Tid: or y^e other like
for every fifty acres w^{ch} of any person or persons taking up such land shall only pay
for y^e same as afores: the summe of fifty pounds of tobacco in Cash together with one
shilling sterling yearly rent, and for proportionably for any greater or lesser quantity;
He or they first applying themselves to our Treas: of this our Province or other Officer
or Officers therunto appointed, and giving good & sufficient caution for y^e same: as to him
or them shall seeme meet: hereby willing & requiring our Treas: or other Officer or Officers
as aforesaid upon such caution or security given to issue out warrants und: the Seal
of this our Province for any quantity of land to any person or persons Sutor or Sutors for
the same in manner aforesaid: And to be had that this our will & pleasure may be made
known, we do hereby strictly charge & command all & singular the Sheriffs of this our
Province faithfully upon receipt of such publick Proclamation to read in the most
publick and convenient place within their severall & respective Counties

Given at our City of S. Maris under the great Seal of this our Province
the fifth day of May in the eighth year of our Dominion
Annoqz Dni one thousand six hundred eighty and three.