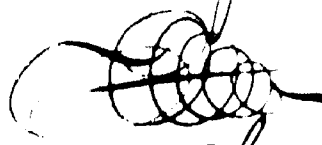


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 reason therof they being together with us included in
 made with the Tamequo Indians, We did therefore not out of Suspicion or
 jealousie in the least that we harboured of them as to their fidelity towards us
 not questioning but as fullhart they had done soe they would shew continue to
 preserve their League with us) desir to know whether indeed they had any
 such designe and what the grounds of such their motion might be to the End
 that y^e Inhabitants in these parts might also as well as us be satisfied & not
 surpris'd at their coming w^{ch} their occasions should draw them ~~to~~ thither



At a Council held at the Old Courthouse at y^e Citie of St. Mari^e the
 14th Day of June in the third year of the Dominion of the R^{oy} Hon^{ble}
 Charles the second over this Province Annoq^{ue} Domini 1678:

The Hon^{ble} { Present
 Thomas Nolley Esq^r Govern^r.
 Philip Calvert Esq^r Chanc^{er}.
 William Calvert Esq^r Sec^y.
 Baker. Brooke Esq^r Surve^yor Gen^l.
 Benjamin Rorer Esq^r.

William Stevens of Somerset County Gent^l in behalf of y^e Inhabitants
 of the said County did Petition for longer time to be allowed them for suing
 out their Patents according to his ~~owne~~ ^{owne} private Declaration set forth in
 June Anno 1670: the time therein mentioned & limited being elapsed w^{ch}
 by reason of the late troubles in these parts the People that had occasion to
 make use of the said Lawe therein could not accomplish their Business
 in time to their great damage, It was the Opinion of the Council for
 severall reasons alladged of the said Stevens in his Petition, & for y^e better Satis-
 fying the minds of the Inhabitants and more firm settling of their Estates
 that eight moneths time longer be allowed them to sue & take, and that
 no advantage be taken of the lapse of time before by the Lawe granted
 them, Whereupon the Govern^r issued forth the following Ord^r to
 the effect viz

By y^e Govern^r.

Whereas William Stevens of Somerset County hath humbly prayed that
 those persons of Somerset County that have Patents to sue out according
 to his ~~owne~~ ^{owne} Declaration in June Anno 1670: w^{ch} time therein limited
 is now expired and yett there being some persons in the said County that have
 occasion of the said Lawe grace and favour therein expressed but were prevented
 attending y^e Sec^y Office by reason of the late troubles with the Indians in these parts
 and since that is happily blowne over) other urgent occasions in their crops &
 husbanding also for the better encouraging the settling of the said County
 of the said County I do hereby ord^r that the Inhabitants of the said County
 shall have eight moneths time commencing from the date hereof to sue out
 their Patents according to his ~~owne~~ ^{owne} Declaration as if they had done it within the

the Province of Maryland
 the 14th day of June in the 3rd year of the Dominion of the R^{oy} Hon^{ble} Charles the second over Maryland