

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board an Instruction from the Lord Proprietary to him in the following Words

"You shall at such times and in such manner as may be
 " proper and convenient give Directions to Our Agent and the
 " several Receivers of Our Quit Rents not to insist on or receive
 " from any Person whatsoever any Fine or Fines on or for
 " any Lands which have been or shall be alienated by Devises

It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to order Proclamation to issue notifying the same, which Proclamation being prepared, is read & approved of & issued accordingly

Maryland By His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq. Gov. &
 Comm. in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas some Uneasinesses have arisen concerning the Rights of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary to Alienation fines on Devises of Lands, and that his Lordship desires to shew his Readiness to give his Tenants ease and Satisfaction in whatever may be thought reasonable in any Degree, tho' to the Diminution of his own strictly legal Rights, hath been pleased to direct, Orders should be given to his Agent and the several Receivers of his Quit Rents not to insist on or receive from any Person whatsoever, any Fine or Fines on or for any Lands which have been or shall be alienated by Devises, to the End his Lordships Pleasure may be known, and that all Persons concerned may have due Notice thereof I have thought fit by and with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to issue this my Proclamation strictly charging and requiring the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation publick in their respective Counties in the usual manner that all Persons concerned may conform themselves thereto as they will answer the contrary at their Peril Given at

the City of Annapolis this 20th day of October in the 20th Year of his Lordships

Dominion Anno Domini 1742

W. B. Lord