

Upper Mills whence I hope they will be taken and distributed as soon as possible  
agreeable to my above mentioned Letter I could have you Execution them against  
stragling from the Plantations where they may be settled and let them know that Orders  
are given to the Troops on the Western Frontiers to destroy without hesitation any of  
them that may be seen in that Part of the Province and that the attempt of any one to  
to make of will deprive the Rest of the Liberty they will otherwise be permitted to enjoy.

I am Gentlemen

Your Humble Servant

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following Proclamation be done  
By the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary

### A Proclamation

Whereas several of our Tenants in this our Province do under colour of old Grants  
Obtained from our Noble Ancestors hold several acres of Land as comprized within the  
Metes and Descriptions of such Grants more than the quantities therein expressed  
and more than were by the original Patentees applied for or by our said Ancestors Intended to  
be granted to such Persons respectively without having heretofore Paid any Purchase  
Money Quit Rent or other acknowledgement for such Surplus, which being to our said  
Ancestors a manifest fraud, and a glaring Injury to ourself might <sup>we</sup> have disposed to proceed  
with Rigor / prompt us to a means of redress not only destructive of any Pretence of Claim  
to such Surplus lands as a<sup>d</sup> but likewise subversive of what Titles such Patentees or  
those who claim under them may have to the true Quantities of Land applied for and  
expressed in such Patents as Intended to have been thereby granted, and ruinous  
to many of our Tenants in our said Province

We nevertheless being willing and Desirous to treat those of our said Tenants, who  
are Inclined to yield us content in the Premises, with all possible Lenity, have Resolved  
to admit a purchase of such Surplus Lands by those who claim under such original  
Grants upon the most easy Terms and upon the requisites hereafter mentioned being simply  
with to Grant and confirm unto such Persons respectively a full absolute & Indefeasible Estate  
of Inheritance in fee simple against us and our heirs both in Law and Equity in and to  
such Surplus Lands

We do therefore by this our Proclamation publish and Declare our Assent and  
Pleasure as follows, to wit; That every Person within our said Province who hath or claim  
any Land as comprized within the Metes & Descriptions of his Grant more than the  
Quantity expressed in such Grant as intended by our said Ancestors to have been thereby  
granted and who shall within the space of two years from the date hereof apply to the  
Judges of our Land Office for the time being for a warrant to Resurvey the original Tract  
according to its antient Metes and bounds and to Return a Certificate of such Resurvey to  
our said Land Office Expressing therein the true Quantity of all the Land contained  
within the Metes & Descriptions of the said original Survey shall have the same issued  
to him accordingly

And that upon Return of such Certificate to our said Office / the forms of our Office  
being Complied with / Grant shall issue thereon to such Person, thereby Vesting him  
with a full absolute an Indefeasible Estate of Inheritance against us & our Heirs