

both in Law and Equity in fee simple in the Lands so as a part to be contained & described in and by the Certificate to be returned as aforesaid

Such Person Paying to the Proper Officers of our Revenue the Purchase Money for such Surplus Land at the same Rate for every hundred acres as were formerly paid for the Purchase of every hundred acres of the quantity expressed in such Original Grant

Reserving to us and our heirs in such Grant heretofore to be issued the Annual Quit Rents for such Surplus Land at the same Rate for every hundred acres thereof as is now Payable by virtue of the Original Grant for the quantity of Land therein expressed

And we do further Assent and Agree and do hereby Authorize and direct That our proper Officers of our Revenue Give to all Intents and purposes both in Law & Equity to the Persons complying with the requisites of aforesaid a full discharge from & against all purchase Money and Arranges of Rent whatsoever, that may be due & Payable to us from the Respective dates of such Original Grants for or by Reason of such Surplus lands as a part any thing in any former Proclamation or Instruction contained to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding

And this our Proclamation We have caused to be Entered on Record in our said Land Office and other Offices of our Revenue there to Remain as a Rule and direction to our proper Officers touching the Premises WITNES Our trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province this 17th day of January in the fifth year of our Dominion Annoq. Domini 1756.

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the 23^d day of March in the fifth Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1756:

Present

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| The honorable | { | Benjamin Tasker Esq. | } | Col. Benjamin Tasker |
| | | Colonel Hammond | | Richard See Esq. |
| | | Sam. Chamberlaine Esq. | | Benedict Calvert Esq. |

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Papers:

1st Within three or four Days I have received several Letters from the Magistrates in different Parts of this Province informing me that those of his Majesty's Officers who have been ordered hitherto would have lately received your positive Instructions to enlist without Exception or Distinction, all Apprentices and Servants they can persuade to enter into the Service; that the Inhabitants having a great part of their Property vested in Servants, unanimously oppose the Execution of such Instructions, that on such Opposition Violences have been committed, and that unless their Cause of Complaint be speedily removed an Insurrection of the People is likely to ensue; the Magistrates as well as myself have and shall endeavour to prevent mischief, but as the Officers are determined to proceed, I cannot promise that the People will be much longer restrained from