

& after the last day of June next, shall desire to set up a water-mill upon any land next adjoining to any Runn of water within this Province, not being the proper possession or freehold of the said person or persons, or Leased to them by his Lordsp, nor other persons to the intent thereupon to sett a water-mill, they shall purchase a writt out of his Lordsp's Court of Chancery, directed to the Sherriff of y^e County where such Land lyeth, requiring him by the oaths of twelve men of his County, to enquire what damago would be to the Lord Prop^r or others to have a mill set up in such place, as afores^d.

The form of w^{ch} writt followeth, Viz^t

Cæcilius absolute Lord & Prop^r of the Province of Maryland and Avalon L^d Baron of Baltimore &c. To the Sherriff of N^o County Greeting, Wee Command thee by the Oaths of Twelve honest & Lawfull men of thy County by whom the truth of the matter may be better known, diligently thou enquire if it be to the damago of us or others, if wee grant to N. N. of N. County at N. in the County aforesaid, on each ^{side} of the Runn of water running thoro together, with Liberty & License thereon to sett a certain water-mill, as also Liberty to take, fell & cutt down & carry away either by Land or water any wood or timber fitt for building of a mill other than timber fitt for to split into clap-board upon any the Lands next adjoining to the said tonn acre of Land lying on each side of the runn of water at N. N. aforesaid in the County aforesaid, and if it be to the prejudice of us or others, then to what damago & prejudice of us & what damago & prejudice of others & of whom, and in what manner, & how, and of who, and of whom the aforesaid tonn acre of Land are holden, & by what services, & in what manner and how, and of what value they are by the year, according to the true value of them now before any further improvement of the said tonn acre, & who are the present possessors of the said tonn acre and who and how many are the meassur^s betwix us & the present possessors of the said tonn acre, and what Lands or tenements remain to the present possessors over the said tonn acre, and if the Lands remaining to the present possessors over the said tonn acre, will suffice to uphold their manne^r Viz^t the sixth part of the manne^r allotted by the condition of plantations for the domage as before the alienation for building a mill, and that the said Possessors in Assizes, Juries and Recognitions may be put as before the alienation, soe that the County by the alienation aforesaid in default of the present possessors more than was wont ^{not} be charged & grieved and the Inquisition thereupon openly and distinctly made to us in our Chancery under thy seale & the seales of them by whom it was made without delay send witness &c.

Cæcilius