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MARYLAND.

Baltimore.

Cæcilius absolute Lord, and Proprietor
 Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore
 To our Trusty and wellbelov'd William
 our Lieutenant of our said Province of Maryland
 To shew of our fountall thers, And to the Generall
 Assembly of freemen of our said Province, and
 all others whom it may concerne greeting be
 Whereas we sent a body of lawes thither the
 last year by our Secretary, Thomas
 Under our hand and Great Seal at
 containing sixtens in Number, to be proposed
 you our said Lieutenant to the Assembly the
 for their consent therunto, Together with a
 mission therunto annexed signed also by us,
 affixed to the same Seale, and bearing date the
 of August one thousand Six hundred forty
 whereby among other things was declared
 consent to the said Lawes, upon such conditions
 were expressed in the said mission, so high
 were and are soe iust and reasonable as
 and consideration they ought to be well liked
 well affected Men, according as you our said
 after your receipt of them upon good reason
 to us by your letter dated the twentieth of
 last Nevertheless, it sounde through some
 standing the Generall Assembly thers
 sessions thers of holden at Saint Maries
 last were unwilling at that tyme to
 Enacting of them All, the Lawes thers, the
 willingness in most of the said Assembly, was
 thereof (as we are informed, and have
 cause to believe) but the subtle