

M A R T L A N D.

... (except before mentioned) having always the Faith and Allegiance, and Sovereign Dominion due unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, To have, hold, possess, and enjoy the said Country, Isles, Rivers, and other the Premises, unto the said now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns, to the sole and proper Use and Behoof of him the said now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Sovereign Faith & Allegiance saved.

To his holden of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings of England, as of Our Castle of Windsor, in Our County of Berks, in free and common Socage, by Fealty only, for all Services, and not in Capite, or by Knight Service: To deliver and pay therefore to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, two Indian Arrows of those parts, to be delivered at Our said Castle of Windsor, every Year, on the Tuesday in Easter Week; and also the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore within the Limits aforesaid, which shall from Time to Time happen to be found.

Tenure.

Rent.

NOW that the said Country thus by Us granted and described, may be eminent above all other parts of the said Territory, and dignified with larger Titles; Know Ye, That We of Our further Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, have thought fit to Erect the same Country and Islands into a Province, as out of the fulness of Our Royal Power and Prerogative, We do into a Province, and do call it M A R T L A N D, and so from henceforth will have it called.

Created a Province.

AND forasmuch as We have hereby made and ordained the fore said now Lord Baltimore, the true Lord and Proprietary of all the Province aforesaid; Know Ye therefore moreover, That We, Reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Fidelity, Wisdom, Justice and provident Circumspection of the said now Lord Baltimore, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant give, full and absolute Power, by Virtue of these Presents to him and his Heirs, for the good and happy Government of the said Province, to Ordain, Make, Enact, and under his and their Seals to Publish any Laws whatsoever, appertaining either unto the Publick State of the said Province, or unto the private Utility of particular Persons, according unto their best Discretions, of and with the Advice, Assent and Approbation of the Free-men of the said Province, or the greater part of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies, whom for the Enacting of the said Laws, when, and as often as need shall require, We will, that the said now Lord Baltimore, and his Heirs, shall Assemble in such sort and form as to him or them shall seem best, and the same Laws duly to Execute the Time being, or that shall be constituted under the Government, and Power of him or them, either Sailing towards Maryland, or returning from thence toward England, or any other of Ours, or Foreign Dominions, by Imposition of Penalties, Imprisonment, or any other Punishment; Yea, if it shall be needful, and that the Quality of the Offence require it by taking away Members or Life, either by him the said now Lord Baltimore, and his

Power to Enact Laws.

With Assent of the Delegates.