

# Province of MARYLAND.

Peace and War, in so far distant and remote a Country: Therefore We, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give free and absolute Power, unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, to confer Favours, Rewards and Honours, upon such Inhabitants within the Province aforesaid, as shall deserve the same; and to invest them with what Titles and Dignities soever, as he shall think fit (so as they be not such as are now used in *England*), as likewise to erect and incorporate Towns into Boroughs, and Boroughs into Cities, with convenient Privileges and Immunities, according to the Merit of the Inhabitants, and Fitness of the Places; and to do all and every other Thing or Things, touching the Premises, which to him or them shall seem meet and requisite; albeit they be such as of their own Nature might otherwise require a more special Commandment and Warrant than in these Presents is expressed.

We will also, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, we do give and grant License, by this Our Charter, unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, and to all the Inhabitants and Dwellers in the said Province aforesaid both present and to come, to import or unlade, by themselves or their Servants, Factors or Assigns, all Merchandizes and Goods whatsoever, that shall arise of the Fruits and Commodities of the said Province, either by Land or Sea, into any of the Ports of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in Our Kingdoms of *England* or *Ireland*, or otherwise to dispose of the said Goods, in the said Ports, and if Need be, within one Year next after the unlading of the same, to lade the said Merchandizes and Goods again, into the same or other Ships, and to export the same into any other Countries, either of our Dominion or Foreign, (being in Amity with Us, Our Heirs and Successors). *Provided always*, That they pay such Customs, Impositions, Subsidies and Duties for the same, to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as the rest of Our Subjects of Our Kingdom of *England*, for the Time being, shall be bound to pay; beyond which, We will not that the Inhabitants of the foresaid Province of *Maryland* shall be any Way charged.

Liberty to import and export Merchandize and Goods.

AND furthermore, of Our more ample and special Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, We do, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns full and absolute Power and Authority to make, erect and constitute, within the Province of *Maryland*, and the Isles and Ilets aforesaid, such, and so many Sea-Ports, Harbours, Creeks and other Places, for Discharge and unlading of Goods and Merchandizes, out of Ships, Boats and other Vessels, and lading them, and in such and so many Places, and with such Rights, Jurisdictions, Liberties and Privileges, unto the said Ports belonging, as to him or them shall seem most expedient. And that all and singular the Ships, Boats and other Vessels, which shall come for Merchandize, and trade into the said Province, or out of the same shall depart, shall be laden and unladen only at such Ports as shall be so erected and constituted by the said

Leave to erect Ports and Harbours.