

Province of MARYLAND.

grant by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Licence Authority and Power, that such Person or Persons may take the Premises, or any Parcel thereof, of the foresaid now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs or Assigns, and the same hold to themselves, their Heirs or Assigns (in what Estate of Inheritance soever, in Fee Simple, or in Fee Tail, or otherwise, as to them, and the now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns, shall seem expedient) of the said now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns, the Statute made in the Parliament of Edward, Son of King Henry, late King of England, Our Predecessor, commonly called the Statute quia Emptores Terrarum, lately published in Our Kingdom of England, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Use, Law or Custom, or any other Thing, Cause, or Matter, thereupon heretofore had, done, published, ordained, or provided to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Statute Quia Emptores Terrarum

AND by these Presents We give and grant Licence unto the said now Lord Baltimore, and his Heirs, to erect any Parcels of Land within the Province aforesaid, into Manors; and in every of the said Manors to have and to hold a Court Baron, with all Things whatsoever which to a Court Baron do belong; and to have and hold View of Frank Pledge (for the Conservation of the Peace, and the better Government of those Parts), by themselves or their Stewards, or by the Lords, for the Time being, of other Manors, to be deputed when they shall be erected: And in the same, to use all Things belonging to View of Frank Pledge.

Leave to erect Manors and to hold Courts Baron

AND further, Our Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We do covenant and grant to and with the said now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns, that We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall at no Time hereafter set or make, or cause to be set, any Imposition, Custom, or other Taxation, Rate or Contribution whatsoever, in or upon the Dwellers and Inhabitants of the foresaid Province, for their Lands, Tenements, Goods or Chattels within the said Province, or in or upon any Goods or Merchandizes within the said Province, or to be laden and unladen within any the Ports or Harbours of the said Province: And Our Pleasure is, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We charge and command, that this Our Declaration shall be henceforward, from Time to Time received and allowed in all Our Courts, and before all the Judges of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, for a sufficient and lawful Discharge, Payment, and Acquittance: Commanding all and singular Our Officers and Ministers of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and enjoying them upon Pain of Our high Displeasure, that they do not presume at any Time to attempt any Thing to the contrary of the Premises, or that they do in any Sort withstand the same, but that they be at all Times aiding and assisting, as is fitting, unto the said now Lord Baltimore, and his Heirs, and to the Inhabitants and Merchants of Maryland aforesaid, their Servants, Ministers, Factors, and Assigns, in the full Use and Fruition of the Benefit of this Our Charter.

Further Indulgences and Immunities granted.