THE CHARTER
OF
MARY LAND.

CHARLES By the
Grace of GOD, King of
England, Scotland, France,
and Ireland, Defender
of the Faith, &c. To all
to whom these Presents
shall come greeting.

WHEREAS Our right Trusty and
Wellbeloved Subject Cecilius Calvert, Baron
of Baltimore in our Kingdom of Ireland, Sonne
and heire of Sir George Calvert Knight, late Ba-

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ron of Baltimore in the same Kingdom of Ireland, pursuing his Fathers intentions, being excited with a laudable and pious zeal for the propagation of the Christian Faith, and the enlargement of our Empire and Dominion, hath humbly besought leave of V's, by his industry and charge, to transport an ample Colony of the English Nation unto a certaine Countrey hereafter described, in the parts of America, not yet cultivated and planted, though in some parts thereof inhabited by certaine barbarous people, having no knowledge of Almighty God, and hath humbly besought our Royall Majesty to give, grant, and confirm all the said Countrey, with certaine Priviledges and Jurisdicitions, requisite for the good government, and state of his Colony, and Countrey aforesaid, to him and his Heires for ever.

The bounds. KNOW YEE therefore, that Wee favouring the Pious, and Noble purpose of the said Barons of Baltimore, of our speciall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, have given, granted, and confirmed, and by this our present Charter, for V's, Our Heires, and Successors, doe give, grant and confirm unto the said Cecilius, now Baron of Baltimore, his heires and Assignes, all that part of a Peninsula, lying in the parts of America, betweene the Ocean on the East, and the Bay of Chespeack on the West, and divided from the other part thereof, by
by a right line drawne from the Promontory Boundary
or Cape of Land called Watkins Point (situate
in the foresaid Bay, neere the river of Widgea)
on the West, unto the maine Ocean on the
East, and betwene that bound on the South,
unto that part of Delaware Bay on the North,
which lieth under the fortieth degree of Nor-
therly Latitude from the Equinoctiall, where
New-England ends; And all that tract of land
betwene the bounds aforesaid, that is to say,
paling from the foresaid Bay, called Delaware
Bay, in a right line by the degree aforesaid, un-
to the true Meridian of the first fountaine of
the River of Patowmeack, and from thence
trending toward the South unto the farther
banke of the fore said River, and following the
West and South side thereof unto a certaine
place called Cinquack, situate neere the mouth
of the said River, where it falls into the Bay of
Chesapeack, and from thence by a straight line
unto the foresaid Promontory, and place called
Watkins Point, (So that all that tract of land di-
vided by the line aforesaid, drawne betwene
the maine Ocean, and Watkins Point unto the
Promontory called Cape Charles, and all its a-
purtenances, doe remaine entirely excepted to
us, our heires, and Successors for ever.)

WEE DOE also grant and confirme un-
to the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires
and Assignes, all Ilands, and Iletts within the
limits
limitts aforesaid, and all and singular the Islands and Ilets, which are, or shall be in the Ocean, within 10. Leagues from the Eastern shore of the said Countrey, towards the East, with all and singular Ports, Harbors, Bayes, Rivers, and Inlets, belonging unto the Countrey, or Islands aforesaid: And all the Soile, lands, Fields, Woods, Mountaines, Fennes, Lakes, Rivers, Bayes, and Inlets, situate, or being within the bounds, and limits aforesaid, with the fishing of all sorts of fish, Whales, Sturgeons, and all other royal fishes in the Sea, Bays, Inlets, or Rivers, within the premises: and the fish therein taken: and moreover all Veines, Mines, and Quarrries, as well discovered, as not discovered, of Gold, Siluer, Gemmes, and precious stones, and all other whatsoever, be it of Stones, Mettalls, or of any other thing, or matter whatsoever, found, or to be found within the Countrey, Iles, and limits aforesaid. And Furthermore the Patronages and Advowsons of all Churches, which (as Christian Religion shall encrease within the Countrey, Iles, Ilets, and limits aforesaid) shall happen hereafter to bee erected: together with licence and power, to build and found Churches, Chappells, and Oratories, in convenient and fit places within the premises, and to cause them to be dedicated, and consecrated according to the Ecclesiastical Lawes of
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of our Kingdom of England: Together with all and singular the like, and as ample rights, jurisdictions, Priviledges, Pretogatives, Royalties, Liberti Immunities, Royall rights, and franchises of what kind soever temporall, as well by Sea, as by Land, within the Countrey, Iles, Iletts, and limits aforesaid; To have, exercise, Jurisdiction use and enjoy the same, as amply as any Bishop of a Count of Durham, within the Bishoprick, or County Palatine. Palatine of Durham, in our Kingdom of England, hath at any time heretofore had, held, used, or enjoyed, or of right ought, or might have had, held, used, or enjoyed.

AND HIM the said now Lord Balsmore, his Heires and Assignes, Wee doe by these Presents for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, make, create, and constitute the true and absolute Lords, and Proprietaries of the Countrey aforesaid, and of all other the Premises, (except before excepted) saving always, the faith and allegiance, and Soveraigne dominion due unto Vs, Our Heires and Successors.

TO HAVE, hold, possesse, and enjoy the sayd Countrey, Iles, Iletts, and other the Premises, unto the said now Lord Balsmore, his heires and assignes, to the sole and proper use and behoofe of him the said now Lord Balsmore, his heires and assignes forever.

TO BEE holden of Vs, Our Heires, and Tenure. Successors, Kings of England, as of Our Castle
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of windsor, in Our County of berkshire, in free and common socage, by fealty onely, for all services, and not in capite, or by knights service: YEELDING and paying therefore to Vs, our Heires and Successors, two Indian Arrowses of those parts, to be delivered at Our said Castle of windsor, every yeere on the Tuesday in Easter weeke; and also the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Oare within the limits aforesaid, which shall from time to time happen to be found.

NOW THAT the said Countrey thus by Vs granted, and described, may be eminent above all other parts of the said territory, and dignified with larger titles: Know yee that wee of our further grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, have thought fit to erect the same Countrey and Islands into a Province, as out of the fullnesse of Our royall Power, and Prerogative, Wee doe, for Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, erect, and incorporate them into a Province, and doe call it Mary land, and so from henceforth will have it called.

AND FOR AS Much as Wee have hereby made, and ordained the aforesaid now Lord Baltemore, the true Lord, and Proprietary of all the Province aforesaid: Know yee therefore moreover, that Wee, reposing especiall trust and confidence in the fidelitie, wisedome, Justice, and Provident
dent circumspection of the said now Lord Balsemore, for Vs., Our Heires and Successors, doe grant free, full, and absolute power, by virtue of these Presents, to him and his heires, for the good and happy government of the said Province, to ordaine, make, ena& act, and under his and their seales to publish any Lawes what-foever, appertaining either unto the publike State of the said Province, or unto the private utility of particular Persons, according unto their best discretions, or and with the advise 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 Lawes, when, and as often as neede shall require. We will that the said now Lord Balsemore, and his heires, shall assemble in such sort and forme, as to him or them shall seeme best: And the same lawes duly to execute upon all people, within the said Province, and limits thereof, for the time being, or that shall be constituted under the government, and power of him or them, either syling towards Maryland, or returning from thence toward England or any other of Ours, or foraigne Dominions, by imposition of Penal- ties, Imprisonment, or any other punishment; yea, if it shall be needfull, and that the quality of the offence require it, by taking away member or life, either by him the said now Lord Balsemore,
Baltimore and his heires, or by his or their Deputies, Lieutenants, Judges, Justices, Magistrates, Officers, and Ministers to be ordained or appointed, according to the Ten and true intention of these Presents: And likewise to appoint and establish any Judges and Justices, Magistrates and Officers whatsoever, at sea and land, for what causes soever, and with what power soever, and in such forme, as to the said now Lord Baltimore, or his heires, shall seeme most convenient: Also to remit, release, pardon, and abolish, whether before Judgement, or after, all crimes or offences whatsoever, against the said Lawes: and to doe all and every other thing or things, which unto the compleate establishment of Justice, unto Courts, Praetories, and Tribunals, formes of Judicature and maners of proceeding, do belong: although in these Presents, express mention be not made thereof, and by Judges by them delegated, to award Process, hold Pleas, and determine in all the said Courts and Tribunals, all actions, suits, and causes whatsoever, as well criminal as civil, personal, real, mixt, and prætoriall, which laws, so as aforesaid to be published, Our pleasure is, and so Wee enjoyne, require, and command, shall be most absolute and available in Law, and that all the Leige people, and subjects of Vs, Our Heires and Successors, do observe and keepe the same inviolably,
in those parts, so farre as they concern them, under the paines therein expressed, or to be expressed: Provided nevertheless, that the said Lawes be consonant to reason, and be not repugnant or contrary, but as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the Lawes, Statutes, Customs, and Rights of this our Kingdom of England.

AND FORASMUCH, as in the Government of so great a Province, sudden accidents do often happen, whereunto it will be necessary to apply a remedy, before the Free-holders of the said Province, their Delegates, or Deputies, can be assembled to the making of Lawes, neither will it be convenient, that instantly upon every such emergent occasion, so great a multitude should be called together: Therefore for the better government of the said Province, We will and ordain, and by these Presents for Us, Our Heires, and Successors, do grant unto the said now Lord Baltimore, and his Heires, that the said now Lord Baltimore and his Heires, by themselves, or by their Magistrates and Officers in that behalf duly to be ordained as aforesaid, may make and constitute, fit and wholesome Ordinances; from time to time, within the said Province, to be kept and observed, as well for the preservation of the Peace, as for the better government of the people there inhabiting, and publiquely
to notify the same to all persons, whom the same doth, or any way may concern, which Ordinances, Our pleasure is, shall be observed inviolably within the said Province, under the paines therein to bee expressed. So as the said Ordinances be consonant to reason, and be not repugnant nor contrary, but so farre as conveniently may be, agreeable with the Lawes and Statutes of Our Kingdome of England, and so as the said Ordinances be not extended, in any sort to bind, charge, or take away the right or interest of any person, or persons, of, or in their Life, Member, Free-hold, Goods, or Chattells.

Licenteto go to Maryland. FURTHERMORE, that this new Colony may the more happily encrease by the multitude of people resorting thither, and may likewise be the more strongly defended from the incursions of Saluages, or other enemies, Pyrtes and Robbers; Therefore Wee, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, doe give and grant by these Presents, Power, licence, and liberty unto all the liege people, and subjects, both present, and future, of Vs, Our Heires, and Successors (excepting those who shall be specially forbidden) to transport themselves and families unto the said Province, with convenient shipping, and fitting provisions, and there to settle themselves, dwell and inhabit, and to build, and fortifie Castles, Forts, and other places of strength,
strength for the publicke, and their owne private defence, at the appointment of the said now Lord Baltimore, and his heires, the Statute of fugitives, or any other whatsoever, to the contrary of the premises, in any wise notwithstanding.

AND WE will also, and of Our more speciall grace, for Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, wee doe straightly enioyne, constitute, ordaine, and command, that the said Province shall be of Our Allegiance, and that all and singular the Subjects, and Liege people of Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, transported, or to be transported into the said Province, and the children of them, and of such as shall descend from them, there already borne, or hereafter to be borne, bee, and shall be Denizens, and Lieges of Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, of Our Kingdome of England, and Ireland, and be in all things held, treated, reputed, and esteemed as the liege faithfull people of Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, borne within Our Kingdome of England, and likewise any Lands, Tenements, Revenues, Services, and other hereditaments whatsoever, within Our Kingdome of England, and other Our Dominions, may inherit, or otherwise purchase, receive, take, have, hold, buy, and possess, and them may occupy, and enjoy, give, sell, alien, and bequeath, as likewise, all Liberties, Franchises, and Priviledges, of this
Our Kingdom of England, freely, quietly, and peaceably, have and possess, occupy and enjoy, as Our liege people, born, or to be born, within Our said Kingdom of England, without the let, molestation, vexation, trouble, or grievance of Vs, Our Heires and Successors: any Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Provision to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

AND FURTHERMORE, That Our Subjects may be the rather encouraged to undertake this expedition, with ready and cheerfull minds; KNOW YEE, that We of Our speciall grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, doe give and grant, by vertue of these presents, aswell unto the said now Lord Baltimore and his Heires, as to all other that shall from time to time repair unto that province, with a purpose to inhabit there, or to trade with the Natives of the said Province, full licence to Lade and Freight in any Ports whatsoever, of Vs, Our Heires and Successors, and into the said Province of Maryland, by them, their servants or assignes, to transport, all and singular, their Goods, Wares, and Merchandize; as likewise all sorts of graine whatsoever, and any other things whatsoever, necessary for food or clothing (not prohibited by the Lawes and Statutes of our Kingdomes and Dominions to bee carried out of the said Kingdomes) without any let, or molestation of Vs,
Vs, Our Heires, or Successors, or of any of the officers of Vs, Our Heires, or Successors; (saving alwayes, to Vs, Our Heires and Successors, the Impositions, Customes, and other duties and payments for the said Wares and Merchandise) any Statute, Act, Ordinance or other thing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

And because in so remote a Country, and situate amongst so many barbarous nations, the incursions as well of the salvages themselves, as of other enemies, pyrates and robbers, may probably be feared: Therefore We have given, and for Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, doe give power by these presents, unto the now Lord Baltimore, his Heires and assigns, by themselves, or their Captaines, or other their officers, to Leaue, Muster and Traine, all sorts of men, of what condition, or wheresoever borne, in the said Province of Maryland for the time being, and to make warre, and to pursue the Enemies and Robbers aforesaid, as well by sea as by land, yea, even without the limits of the said Province, and (by Gods assistance) to vanquish and take them, and being taken, to put them to death by the Law of warre, or to save them at their pleasure, and to doe all and every other thing which unto the charge and office of a Captaine General of an Army belongeth, or hath accustomed to belong, as fully and freely.
as any Captaine general of an army hath ever had the same.

A L S O, Our Will and Pleasure is, and by this Our Charter, We doe give unto the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires, and assignnes, full power, liberty, and authority, in case of Rebellion, Tumult, or Sedition, if any should happen (which God forbid) either upon the land within the Province aforesaid, or upon the maine sea, in making a voyage thither, or returning from thence, by themselves, or their captains, deputies or other officers, to be authorized under their seales for that purpose (to whom we also, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, doe give and grant by these presents, full power and authority) to exercise Martial Law against mutinous and seditious persons of those parts, such as shall refuse to submit themselves to his, or their government, or shall refuse to serve in the warres, or shall flee to the Enemy, or forsake their Ensignes, or be loyturers, or straglers, or otherwise howsoever offending against the Law, Custome, and Discipline military, as freely, and in as ample manner and forme, as any Captaine general of an army by virtue of his office might, or hath accustomed to use the same.

FURTHERMORE, That the way to honor and dignities, may not seem to be altogether precluded and shut up, to men well borne,
borne, and such as shall prepare themselves unto this present Plantation, and shall desire to deserve well of Vs, and Our Kingdomes, both in peace and war, in so farre distant and remote a Country: Therefore We, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, doe give free, and absolute power, unto the said now Lord Balemore, his heires and assignes, to conferre 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 thinke fit, (so as they be not such as are now used in England) As likewise to erect and incorporate, Townes into Boroughes, and Boroughs into Citie, with convenient priviledges and immunities, according to the merit of the inhabitants, and the fitness of the places, and to doe all and every other thing or things, touching the premises, which to him, or them, shall seeme meete and requisite; albeit they be such as of their owne nature might otherwise require a more speciall commandement and warrant, then in these Presents is expressed.

We E will also, and by these Presents, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, We doe give and grant licence, by this Our Charter, unto the said now Lord Balemore, his heires and assignes, and to all the inhabitants and dwellers in the Province aforesaid, both present and to come,
come, to import, or unload, by themselves, or their servants, factors, or assignees, 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 Vs, Our Heires 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 yeere next after the unloading of the same, to lade the said merchandizes and goods againe, into the same or other ships, and to export the same into any other Countreys, either of our Dominion or foraigne, (being in Amity with Vs, Our Heires and Successors) Provided alwayes, that they pay such Customs, Impositions, Subsidies and Duties for the same, to Vs, Our Heires and Successors, as the rest of Our Subjects of Our Kingdome of England, for the time being, shall be bound to pay: beyond which, We will not that the inhabitants of the foresaid Province of Mary-land, shall be any way charged.

And furthermore, of Our more ample and speciall Grace, certaine knowledge, and meere motion, We doe, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, grant unto the said now Lord Baltimoore, his heires and assignees, full and absolute power and authority, to make, ered, and constitute, within the Province of Mary-land, and the Iles and Iletts aforesaid, such, and so many Ships,
ports, Harbours, Creekes, and other places, for discharge and unloading of goods and merchandise, out of Ships, Boates, and other vessels, and lading them, and in such and so many places, and with such Rights, Jurisdictions, Liberties and Priviledges unto the said ports belonging, as to him or them shall seem most expedient. And that all and singular the Ships, Boats, and other Vessells, which shall come for merchandize and trade unto 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 now Lord Baltemore, his heires or assignes, any Vice, Custome, or other thing to the contrary notwithstanding, saving always unto Vs, Our heires and Successors, and to all the Subjects (of Our Kingdom of England and Ireland) of Vs, Our Heires and Successors, free liberty of fishing for Sea-fish, as well in the Sea, Bayes, Inlets, and navigable Rivers as in the Harbours, Bayes and Creekes of the Province aforesaid, and the Priviledges of salting and drying their fish on the shore of the said Province; and for the same cause, to cut and take underwood, or twiggs there growing, and to build Cottages and Sheds necessary in this behalfe, as they heretofore have, or might reasonably have used; which Liberties and Priviledges, nevertheless, the Subjects aforesaid, of Vs, Our Heires and Success-
Succesors, shall enjoy without any notable damage, or injury, to be done to the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires, or assignes, or to the dwellers and inhabitants of the said Province, in the Ports, Creekes and Shores aforesaid, and especially in the woods and Coples growing within the said Province: And if any shall doe any such damage, or injury, he shall incurre the heavy displeasure of Vs, Our Heires and Successors, the punishment of the Lawes; and shall moreover make satisfaction.

WE E E doe furthermore, will, appoint, and ordaine, and by these Presents, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, We doe grant unto the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires and assignes, that he the said Lord Baltimore, his heires and assignes, may from time to time for ever, have and enjoy, the Customes and Subsidies, in the Ports, Harbours, and other Creekes and places aforesaid, within the Province aforesaid; payable, or due for merchandizes and wares, there to be laded or unladed, the said Customes and Subsidies to be reasonably assessed (upon any occasion) by themselves and the people there, as aforesaid, to whom we give power by these Presents, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors upon just cause, and in a due proportion, to assess and impose the same.

AND FURTHER, of Our speciall grace, and of Our certaine knowledge, and meere
mere motion, Wee have given granted, and confirmed, and by these Presents for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, doe give, grant, and confirm unto the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires and assignes, full and absolute licence, power, and authoritie, that bee the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires and assignes, from time to time hereafter for ever, at his, or their will, and pleasure, may assigne, aliene, grant, demise, or enfeoffe of the Premises to many, and such parts and parcels, to him or them that shall be willing to purchase the same, as they shall thinke fit, TO HAVE and to hold to them the said person, or persons, willing to take or purchase the same, their heires and assignes in fee simple, or fee tail, or for terme of life, or lives, or yeeres, to bee held of the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires, and assignes, by such services, customes, and rents, as shall seeme fit to the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires and assignes, and not immediately of Vs, Our Heires or Successors; and to the same person or persons, and to all and every of them, Wee doe give and grant by these Presents for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, licence, authoritie, and power, that such person or persons may take the premishes, or any parcel thereof, of the foresaid now Lord Baltimore, his heires or assignes, and the same hold to themselves, their heires, or assignes, (in what estate
estate of inheritance forever, in fee simple, or in fee tail, or otherwise, as to them, and the now Lord Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, shall seeme expedient; of the said now Lord Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, the statute made in the Parliament of Edward, Sonne of King Henry, late King of England, Our Predecessor, commonly called the Statute quia emptores terrarum, lately published in Our Kingdome of England, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Vice, Law, or Custome, or any other thing, cause, or matter thereupon heretofore had, done, published, ordained, or provided to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding; And by these Presents, Wee give, and grant licence unto the said now Lord Baltimore, and his heirs, to erect any parcels of land within the Province aforesaid, into Mannors, and in every of the said Mannors, to have, and to hold a Court Baron, with all things whatsoever, which to a Court Baron do belong, and to have and hold viewe of Franck-pledge, (for the conserva-
tion 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 Mannors, to bee deputed, when they shall bee erected: and in the same, to use all things belonging to View of Franck-

AND FURTHER, Our pleasure is, and by these
these Presents, for Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, we do covenant and grant to and with the said now Lord Bailemore, his heires and assigns; That Wee, Our Heires and Successors, shall at no time hereafter, set, or make, or cause to be set, any Imposition, Custome, or other Taxation, Rate, or Contribution whatsoever, in or upon the dwellers and inhabitants of the foresaid Province, for their Lands, Tenements, goods or Chattells within the said Province, or in or upon any goods or merchandizes, within the said Province, or to be laden, or unladen within any the Ports or harbours of the said Province: And Our pleasure is, and for Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, Wee 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 Vs Our Heires and Successors; for a sufficient and lawfull discharge payment, and acquittance; Commanding all and singular, our Officers and Ministers of Vs, our Heires and Successors, and enjoying them upon pave of Our high displeasure, that they doe not presume at any time to attempy any thing to the contrary of the premises; or that they doe in any sort withstand the same, but that they be at all times aiding and assisting, as is sitting, unto the said now Lord Bailemore, and his heires, and to the Inhabitants, and Merchants of
of Maryland aforesaid, their servants, ministers, factors and assignes, in the full use and fruition of the benefit of this Our Charter.

AND FURTHER, Our pleasure is, and by these Presents for Us, our Heires and Successors, We do grant unto the said now Lord Baltimore, his heires and assignes, and to the Tenants, and Inhabitants of the said Province of Maryland, both present, and to come, and to every of them, that the said Province, Tenants, and Inhabitants of the said colony or Countrey, shall not from henceforth bee held or reputed as a member, or a part of the land of Virginia, or of any other Colony whatsoever, now transported, or hereafter to be transported, nor shall be depending on, or subject to their government in any thing, from whom We do separate that, and them, and Our pleasure is, by these Presents that they bee separated, and that they bee subject immediately to Our Crowne of England, as depending thereof for ever.

AND IF PERCHANCE hereafter it should happen, that any doubts or questions should arise, concerning the true sense and understanding of any word, clause, or sentence contained in this Our present Charter, Wee will, ordaine, and command, that at all times, and in all things, such Interpretation bee made thereof, and allowed in any of Our Courts whatsoe-
ver, as shall be judged most advantageous, and favourable unto the the said now Lord Baltemore, his heires and assignes. PROVIDED alwayes, that no Interpretation bee admitted thereof, by which Gods Holy and Truely Christian Religion, or the allegiance due unto Vs, Our Heires and Successors, may in anything suffer any prejudice, or diminution.

ALTHOUGH express mention bee not made in these Presents, of the true yeerely value, or certainty of the premises, or of any part thereof, or of other gifts and grants, made by Vs, Our Heires, and Predecessors, unto the said now Lord Baltemore, or any Statute, Acte, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation, or restraint heretofore had, made, published, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

IN WITNESSE whereof, Wee have caused these Our Letters to bee made Patents. Witnesse Our selfe at westminster, the Twentieth day of June, In the Eighth yeere of Our Reigne.