



THE CHARTER
OF
MARY LAND.



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

WHEREAS Our right Trusty and
Wellbelovèd Subje& *Cecilus Caluert*, Baron
of *Baltimore* in our Kingdom of *Ireland*, Sonne
and heire of Sir *George Caluert* Knight, late Ba-

ron of *Baltimore* in the same Kingdome of *Ireland*, pursuing his Fathers intentions, being excited with a laudable and pious zeale for the propagation of the Christian Faith, and the enlargement of our Empire and Dominion, hath humbly besought leave of Vs, 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 Majestie to give, grant, and confirme all the said Countrey, with certaine Priviledges and Jurisdictions, requisite for the good government, and state of his Colony, and Countrey aforesaid, to him and his heires for ever.

The bounds. KNOW YE E 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 Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, doe give, grant and confirme unto the said *Cecilus*, 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 *Chesopeack* on the West, and divided from the other part thereof,
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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 *Wighco*)
on the West, unto the maine Ocean on the
East; and betweene 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
betweene the bounds aforesaid; that is to say,
passing 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 *Pattowmeck*, 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
Chesopeack, 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 betweene
the maine Ocean, and *Watkins Point* unto the
Promontory called *Cape Charles*, and all its a-
purtenances, doe remaine intirely excepted to
us, our heires, and Successors for ever.)

WEE DOE also grant and confirme un- *Grant*
to the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his heires
and Assignes, all Ilands, and Ilets within the

limitts aforefaid, and all and fingular the
 Ilands and Iletts, which are, or fhall be in the
 Ocean, within 10. Leagues from the Eafterne
 fhore of the faid Countrey, towards the Eaft,
 with all and fingular Ports, Harbors; Bayes,
 Rivers, and Inletts, belonging unto the Coun-
 trey, or Ilands aforefaid: And all the Soile,
 lands, Fields, Woods, Mountaines, Fennes,
 Lakes, Rivers, Bayes, and Inletts, fitu-ate, or
 being within the bounds, and limits aforefaid,
 with the fifhing of all forts of fifh, *whales, Stur-*
geons, and all other royal fifhes in the Sea, Bays,
 Inletts, or Rivers, within the premifes: and the
 fifh therein taken: and moreover all Veines,
 Mines, and Quarries, as well difcovered, as not
 difcovered, of Gold, Siluer, Gemmes, and pre-
 tious ftones, and all other whatfoever, be it of
 Stones, Mettalls, or of any other thing, or mat-
 ter whatfoever, found, or to bee found with-
 in the Countrey, Iles, and limits aforefaid.
 And Furthermore the Patronages and Ad-
 uowfons of all Churches, which (as Chri-
 ftian Religion fhall encrease within the
 Countrey, Iles, Iletts, and limits afore-
 faid) fhall happen hereafter to bee created:
 together with licence and power, to build and
 found Churches, Chappells, and Oratories, in
 convenient and fit places within the premifes,
 and to caufe them to be dedicated, and confe-
 crated according to the Ecclefiaticall Lawes
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of our Kingdome of *England* : Together with all and singular the like, and as ample rights, Jurisdiccions, Priviledges, Prerogatives, Royalties, Liberties, 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 Kingdome 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 *Baltimore*, 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 alwayes, the *Reservation* faith and allegiance, and Sovereigne 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 *Baltimore*, his heires and assignes, to the sole and proper use and behoofe of him the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his heires and assignes for ever.

TO BEE holden of Vs, Our Heires, and *Tenure*. Successors, Kings of *England*, as of Our Castle of

of *Windsor*, in Our County of *Berkshire*, in free and common soccage, by fealty onely, for all seruices, and not in Capite, or by Knights seruice : YEELDING and paying therefore to Vs, our Heires and Successors, two *Indian* Arrowes 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 Siluer Oare within the limits aforesaid, which shall from time to time happen to be found.

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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 Ilands 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.

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vince*

AND FORASMUCH as Wee have hereby made, and ordained the foresaid now Lord *Baltimore*, the true Lord, and Proprietary of all the Province aforesaid: Know yee therefore moreover, that Wee, reposing especiall trust and confidence in the fidelitie, wisdome, Iustice, and Provident

demt circumspection of the said now Lord *Baltimore*, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, ^{Power to en-}
 doe grant free, full, and absolute power, by ^{act Lawes.}
 vertue of these Presents, to him and his heires,
 for the good and happy government of the said
 Province, to ordaine, make, enact, and under
 his and their seales to publish any Lawes what-
 soever, appertaining either unto the publike
 State of the said Province, or unto the private
 utility of particular Persons, according unto
 their best discretions, of 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 deputics, whom for the
 enacting of the said Lawes, when, and as often
 as neede shall require, We will that the said
 now Lord *Baltimore*, and his heires, shall
 assemble in such sort and forme, as to him or
 them shall seeme best: And the same lawes du-
 ly to execute upon all people, within the said
 Province, and limits thereof, for the time be-
 ing, or that shall be constituted under the go-
 vernment, and power of him or them, either
 sayling towards *Mary-land*, or returning from
 thence toward *England* or any other of Ours, or
 forraine 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 mem-
 ber or life, either by him the said now Lord

Balsmore, and his heires, or by his or their Deputies, Lieutenants, Iudges, Iustices, Magistrates, Officers, and Ministers to be ordained or appointed, according to the Tenor and true intention of these Presents : And likewise to appoint and establish any Iudges and Iustices, 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 *Balsmore*, or his heires, shall seeme most conuenient : Also to remit, release, pardon, and abolish, whether before Iudgement, 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 Iustice, unto Courts, Prætories, and Tribunals, formes of Iudicature and maners of proceeding, do belong : although in these Presents, expresse mention be not made thereof, and by Iudges by them delegated, to award Proesse, hold Pleas, and determine in all the said Courts and Tribunalls, all actions, suits, and causes whatsoever, as well criminall as civill, personall, reall, mixt, and prætoriall, which laws, so as aforesaid to be published, Our pleasure is, and so Wee enioyne, 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 obserue and keepe the same inuiolably,

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in those parts, so farre as they concerne them, under the paines therein expressed, or to be expressed: Provided nevertheless, that the said *Proviso* Lawes be consonant to reason, and be not repugnant or contrary, but as neere as conueniently may be, agreeable to the Lawes, Statutes, Customes, and Rights of this our Kingdome of England.

AND FORASMUCH, as in the Government of so great a Province, suddaine accidents doe 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 conuenient, that instantly upon every such emergent occasion, so great a multitude should be called together: Therefore for the better government of the said Province, Wee will and ordaine, and by these Presents for vs, Our Heires, and Successors, doe 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 behalfe duely 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 obserued, as well for the preservation of the Peace, as for the better government of the people there inhabiting, and publicly

to notifie the same to all persons, whom the same doth, or any way may concerne; which Ordinances, Our pleasure is, shall be obserued inuolably 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 farr 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.

*Licence to
goe to
Mary land.*

FVRTHERMORE, 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, Pyrates 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 themselues and families unto the said Province, with conuenient shipping, and fitting provisions, and there to settle themselues, dwell and inhabite, and to build, and fortifie Castles, Forts, and other places of
strength,

strength for the publike, 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 WEE will also, and of Our more *People borne* speciall grace, for Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, wee doe straightly enioyne, constitute, *in Mary-* ordaine, and command, that the said Province *land, made* shall be of Our Allegiance, and that all and singular the Subjects, and Liege people of Vs, *Denizens of* 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, to ere 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, Seruices, and other hereditaments whatsoever, within Our Kingdome of *England*, and other Our Dominions, may inherite, or otherwise purchase, receive, take, have, hold, buy, and possesse, and them may occupy, and enjoy, give, sell, aliene, and bequeath, as likewise, all Liberties, Franchises, and Priviledges, of this

Our Kingdome of *England*, freely, quietly, and peaceably, have and possesse, occupy and enjoy, as Our liege people, borne, or to be borne, within Our said Kingdome 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.

*Licence so
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goods and
merchandise*

AND FV R T H E R M O R E , That Our Subjects may be the rather encouraged to undertake this expedition, with ready and cheerefull minds; K N O W Y E E, 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 *Baltemore* and his Heires, as to all other that shall from time to time repaire unto that province, with a purpose to inhabire there, or to trade with the Natives of the said Province, full licence to Lade and Fraight 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 lett, or molestation of

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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 aswell 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 assignes, by themselves, or their Captaines, or other their officers, to Leauy, Muster and Traine, all sorts of men, of what condition, or wheresoever borne, in the said Province of *Mary-land* for the time being, and to make warre, and to pursue the Enemies and Robbers aforesaid, aswell 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 Generall of an Army belongeth, or hath accustomed to belong, as fully and freely.

Power of war
and peace.

as any Captaine Generall of an army hath ever had the same.

Martiall Law.

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 assignes, 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 Martiall 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 flie to the Enemy, or forsake their Ensignes, or be loyters, 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 generall of an army by vertue of his office might, or hath accustomed to use the same.

Power to conferre honor.

F V R T H E R M O R E, That the way to honors and dignities, may not seeme 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 Countrey: Therefore We, for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, doe give free, and absolute power, unto the, said now Lord *Baltimore*, 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 Cities, with convenient priuiledges and immunities, according to the merit of the inhabitants, and the fitnessse 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 *Baltimore*, his heires and assignes, and to all the inhabitants and dwellers in the Province aforesaid, both present and to

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come, to import, or unlade, by themselves, or their servants, factors, or assignes, 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 kingdomes 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 forreigne, (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 *Baltimore*, his heires and assignes, full and absolute power and authority, to make, erect, and constitute, within the Province of *Mary-land*, and the Isles and Iletts aforesaid, such, and so many Sea-ports,

ports, Harbours, Creekes, and other places, for discharge and unlading of goods and merchandises, out of Ships, Boates, and other vessells, and lading them, and in such and so many places, and with such Rights, Iurisdiccions, Liberties and Priviledges unto the said ports belonging, as to him or them shall seeme 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 *Baltimore*, his heires or assignes, any Use, Custome, or other thing to the contrary notwithstanding, saving alwayes unto Vs, Our heires and Successors, and to all the Subjects (of Our Kingdome of *England* and *Ireland*) of Vs, Our Heires and Successors, free liberty of fishing for Sea-fish, aswell in the Sea, Bayes, Inletts, 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 Shedd's necessary in this behalfe, as they heretofore have, or might reasonably have used; which Liberties and Priviledges, neverthelesse, the Subjects aforesaid, of Vs, Our Heires and

Successors, 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 Copses 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 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.

Power to create Tenures.

AND FV R T H E R, of Our speciall grace, and of Our certaine knowledge, and mere

Customs granted

meere motion, Wee have given granted, and confirmed, and by these Presents for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, doe give, grant, and confirme unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his heires and assignes, full and absolute licence, power, and authoritie, that hee 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 for many, and such parts and parcells, 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 sayd person, or persons, willing to take or purchase the same, their heires and assignes in fee simple, or fee taile, or for terme of life, or lives, or yeeres, to bee held of the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his heires, and assignes, by such seruices, 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 premises, or any parcell thereof, of the foresaid now Lord *Baltimore*, his heires or assignes, and the same hold to themselves, their heires, or assignes, (in what

estate of inheritance soever, in fee simple, or in fee taile, or otherwise, as to them, and the now Lord *Baltmore*, his heires and assignes, shall seeme expedient) of the said now Lord *Baltmore*, his heires and assignes; 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, Acte, Ordinance, Use, 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 *Baltmore*, and his heires, to erect any parcells of land within the Province aforesaid, into Mannors, and in every of the said Mannors, to have, and to ho'd a *Court Baron*, with all things whatsoever, which to a *Court Baron* doe belong, and to have and hold viewe of *Franck-pledge*, (for the conseruation 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-Pledge*.

AND FVRTHER, Our pleasure is, and by these

these Presents, for Vs, Our Heires, and Successors, wee doe covenant and grant to and with the said now Lord *Baltimore*, 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 paine of Our high displeasure, that they doe not presume at any time to attempt any thing to the contrary of the premisses, or that they doe in any sort withstand the same, but that they be at all times ayding and assisting, as is fitting, unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, and his heires, and to the Inhabitants, and Merchants

of *Maryland* aforesaid, their seruants, ministers, factors and assignes, in the full use and fruition of the benefit of this Our Charter.

AND FVRTHER, Our pleasure is, and by these Presents for Vs, our Heires and Successors, Wee doe 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 Wee doe separate that, and them, and Our pleasure is, by these Presents that they bee separated, and that they be 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 sence and understanding of any word, clause, or sentece 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 whatsoever,

ver, as shall be judged most aduantageous, and favourable unto the the said now Lord *Baltimore*, 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 any thing suffer any prejudice, or diminution.

ALTHOUGH expresse 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 *Baltimore*, 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. Wirnesse Our selfe at *westminster*, the Twentieth day of *Iune*, In the Eighth yeere of Our Reigne.