

The L^{ds} Commissioners for plantations their order upon Capt. William
Clayborne & his Partners Pet^r agt^t J^r L^d Baltimore

At White-Hall the 4th of Aprile 1638

Present

Lo: Archbt of Canterbury.
Lo: Keeper. Lo: Cotton.
Lo: Treasurer. M^r: Treasurer.
Lo: Pryuy Seale. M^r: Comptroller.
Ea: Marshalls. M^r: Secer Cooke.
Ea: of Dorset. M^r: Windebank.

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Whereas a Pet^r was presented to his Ma^{ty} by Capt. William Clayborne, on behalf
of himself & Partners. Shewing by vertue of a Commisⁿ under his Ma^{ty} hand
& Signett, they divers years past, discovered & planted upon an Island, in the
great Bay Chesapeake in Virginia, named by them J^r Isle of Kent, Whereupon
they pretended they had bestowed great charges, & by J^r L^d Baltimore, as they
alleged, taking notice of J^r great benefit J^r was likely to arise to them thereby,
obtained a Patent from his Ma^{ty} comprehending J^r Island, w^{ch} in J^r Limits thereof.
And J^r they had likewise settled another Plantⁿ upon J^r mouth of a Riv^r, in the
bottom of J^r Bay, in J^r Sagadahogues Country w^{ch} J^r L^d Baltimore Agents
there, as they allege sought to dispossesse them of, proceeding likewise great iniu-
ries & violence offered to them, in their trade & possessions in those parts, by J^r
Agents, in killing some of J^r Capt. Claybornes men, & taking their Boates contrary
to J^r Commisⁿ. & J^r capresse words of a letter from his Ma^{ty} under his hand
& Signett. And therefore besought his Ma^{ty} to graunt unto J^r Pet^r a Confirmation
under J^r great Seale, of his Ma^{ty} J^r Commisⁿ. & letter for J^r quiett keeping, enjoying
& governing of J^r Islands, Plantⁿ & people, w^{ch} other aduancement of Lawes & In-
munities in those parts. And likewise J^r his Ma^{ty} would referre J^r Examination of J^r
J^r wrongs & iniuries, to such as his Ma^{ty} should thinke fitt, as by J^r Pet^r more
at large appeared; for as much as his Ma^{ty} was pleased at Newmarket the
26th of February 1637, to referre J^r consideration of J^r Pet^r request, unto J^r L^d
Archbt of Canterbury, the L^d Keeper, the L^d Pryuy Seale & any other J^r Commisⁿ
for Plantⁿ. who should be named at hand, & whom they pleased to call, & w^{ch} also
to advise w^{ch} M^r: Attorney generall, for J^r preparing & sealing J^r Warrant desired for
his Ma^{ty} Signett, & to examine J^r wrongs complained of, & certify his Ma^{ty}
what they thought fitt to be done for redress thereof. Whereupon all parties at-
tending therein J^r this day, w^{ch} their Counsel learned, & being fully heard, the J^r
Commisⁿ & Letter being likewise read. It appeared clearely to their L^{ts}, & was
confessed by J^r Capt. Clayborne himselfe than J^r J^r Isle of Kent is w^{ch}
J^r Bounds & Limits of J^r L^d Baltimores Patent. And by J^r Capt. Claybornes
Commisⁿ. as is likewise appeared, was only a License under J^r Signett of J^r last hand
to trade w^{ch} J^r Indians of America in such places, where J^r sole Trade had not