

February 17

Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Province  
 Maryland & Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore: To all  
 Persons to whom these parts shall come greeting in our  
 Lord God everlasting. Whereas Emperor Smith  
 to the States of Holland, having transported  
 this Province here to inhabit, & as a free  
 freedom Land to him & his heires to give  
 you if we willing to give due encouragement  
 of that Nation: We hereby declare him & his  
 Smith to be a free & denizen of this our Province  
 Maryland. And doe further for us our heires &  
 so straitly eniynne constitute, ordaine, & commaund  
 That hee & his Emperour Smith be in all things  
 treated reputed & esteemed as one of our faithful  
 of us our heires & successors borne as in this Province  
 of Maryland. And likewise any lands, tenements, Revenues  
 Services & other hereditaments whatsoever in our Province  
 of Maryland may inherit, or otherwise purchase, re-  
 take have hold buy & possess, & them may occupy &  
 give, sell alien & bequeath, as likewise all liberties  
 franchises of this our Province of Maryland be  
 quietly & peaceably have & possess, occupy & en-  
 as any of our faithful People borne or to be borne  
 within our Province of Maryland, without lett, or  
 lettin reason trouble or grievance of us our heires  
 & successors. Any Customs to the contrary hereof in any  
 notwithstanding. Given at St. Marys under the  
 Seale of our Province of Maryland this seven  
 day of February in the 21<sup>th</sup> year of our Dominion  
 the Province Anno 1633. Witness our  
 Sonne & heire Charles Calvert our Lieut. of our  
 Province of Maryland.