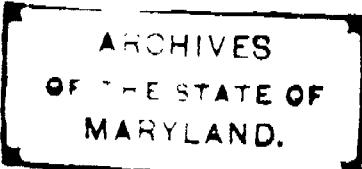


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Baltimore.

Cecilius absolute Lord, and Proprietor
of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore,
To our Trusty and wellbeloved William Somers,
our Lieutenant of our said Province of Maryland.
To those of our friends there, And to the General
Assembly of Freeman of our said Province, and
all others whom it may concern Greeting
Whereas we sent a body of Landes without the
last year by our Surveyor, Thomas Stedman,
Under our hand and Seal at Annapolis
containing six hundred in Number, to be proposed
you our said Lieutenant to the Assembly there
for their consent thereto, Together with a
mission thereto annexed signed also by us
affixed to the same seal, and bearing date the first
of August one thousand Six hundred forty
whereby among other things were ordered
sent to the said Landes, upon such conditions
were expressed in the said Commission, To have
there and as so just and reasonable as
and consideration they ought to be well fitted
with affords Men, according as you our said
after your receipt of them upon good reason
to us by your letter dated the twentieth of
last Nevertheless it found through some
standing the General Assembly then
existing therof hould at Saint Marys
last was unwilling at that time to do
charity of them all, Old Lawd ther, the
willingness in most of the said Assembly, was
not so (as others are informed, and have
cause to believe) but he substituted