

The CHARTER of MARYLAND.

now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns; 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 Country, shall not from hence-forth be held or reputed as a Member, or as 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 be separated, and that they be Subject immediately to Our Crown of England, as depending thereof forever.

Not a Member of Virginia.

Subject immediately to the Crown.

Christian Religion and Allegiance.

A N D 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, We Will, Ordain and Command, That at all Times, and in all Things, such Interpretation be made thereof, and allowed in any of Our Courts whatsoever, as shall be judged most Advantageous and Favourable unto the said now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns. Provided always, That no Interpretation be admitted thereof, by which God's Holy and Truly Christian Religion, or the Allegiance due unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, may in any thing suffer any Prejudice or Diminution, although express mention be not made in these Presents, of the true yearly Value or Certainty of the Premises, or of any part thereof, or of other Gifts and Grants, made by Us, Our Heirs and Predecessors, unto the said now Lord Baltimore, or any Statute, Act, 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.

Anno. Dom. 1632.

IN WITNESS whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Westminster, the Twentieth Day of June, in the Eighth Year of Our Reign.



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