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Whereas the Adventurers to Plant that our Province of Maryland have made suit unto Us, that We would be pleased to Grant unto them under Our great Seal of the same Province such proportions and Quantities of Land thereupon Considerations and Agreements as we have heretofore propounded, & promised to Grant the same unto all such Adventurers, Forasmuch as we are bound in Honour really to perform the same in all points These are therefore to Will & Authorize you that presently upon receipt hereof You make or cause to be made under Our Great Seal of that Our said Province unto every first Adventurer for every five Men Aged between Sixteen & fifty Years which such Adventurer did bring into Our said Province to Inhabit and Plant there in the Year of our Lord 1633 & unto his Heirs for ever a Grant of 2000 Acres of Land of English Measure for the yearly Rent of 400 Weight of good Wheat; To every Adventurer which in that Year did bring a less number than five Men into that our said Province of the Ages aforesaid to Inhabit & Plant there, unto his Heirs for ever a Grant of 100 Acres of Land of the like measure for himself & one hundred Acres more for his Wife (if he brought any) and for and in respect of any Servant and 50 Acres for every Child under the Age of sixteen Years the Rent of 10 of Wheat yearly for ever 50 Acres; And to every other Adventurer which hath adventured to transport Men into our said Province of the Age aforesaid in the Year of our Lord 1634 or 1635 for every Ten Men which such Adventurer did bring into our said Province in either of the said Years and to his Heirs for ever a Grant of 2000 Acres of the like measure for the yearly Rent of 600 Weight of good Wheat & to every other Adventurer which in either of the said Years did bring a less Number than Ten Men as aforesaid & to his Heirs for ever a Grant of 100 Acres of Land of like measure) for himself & 100 Acres more for his Wife (if he brought any) & for and in respect of every such Servant 100 Acres & for every Child under the Age of Sixteen Years 50 Acres for the yearly Rent of 10 Weight of Wheat for every 50 Acres, & to every other Adventurer which hath Adventured to Plant & Transport any Men into our said Province since the Year of our Lord 1635 or which at any time hereafter shall transport any Men of the Age aforesaid to Inhabit & Plant there until some other or further Conditions of Plantation shall be by Us propounded and published to Adventurers and an Authentical Copy of such Conditions by Us signed & transmitted into our said Province for every five Men which he or she shall so transport thither & to his or her Heirs for ever a Grant of 1000 Acres of English measure for the yearly Rent of 20 (to be paid in the Commodities of the Country) for every such 1000 Acres & to every other Adventurer which within the time next aforementioned hath or shall transport any Number of Persons less than five a Grant of 100 Acres, & for him or her self & 100 Acres more for & in respect of his Wife (if he brought any) & as much for & in respect of every Man Servant & 50 Acres more for & in respect of every Child under the Age of Sixteen Years & for & in respect of every maid Servant under the Age of forty Years which he or She hath or shall so transport thither & to his or her Heirs for ever for the yearly Rent of 12 for every fifty Acres ——

And We do further Will & Authorize you that every 2000 Acres & every 3000 Acres & every 1000 of Land so to be passed or Granted as afores.d unto any Adventurer or Adventurers be Erected & Created into a Mannor to be called by such Name as the Adventurer or Adventurers shall desire & We do hereby further Authorize you that you cause to be granted unto every of the said Adventurers within every of the said Mannors respectively & unto his or their Heirs a Court Baron & a Court Leet to be from time to time held within every such Mannor respectively & to the End you may be the better informed in what manner to pass every such Grant Court & Courts as afores.d according to our Intention, We have sent unto you under our hand & Seal a draught of a Grant of a Mannor Court Leet & Court Baron, & a Grant of a Freehold & a Book of Precedents you are to follow changing only the Adventurers Names the Rents & Conditions of Plantation as the Case shall require for doing whereof this shall be your sufficient Warrant so We bid you heartily farewell

Given at Portsmouth the 8 Day of August 1636 ——

To our Dear Brother Mr Leon: Calvert Lord & our Lieut General of the Province of Maryland or to any other our Lieut. General there for the time being ——

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signed. C. Baltimore ——

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