effect. Given under our great seal of our said Province of Maryland this third day of January anno Domini seventeen hundred and fifty seven witness our trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esquire Lieutenant General and chief Governor of our said Province of Maryland Chancellor and keeper of the great seal thereof

Horatio (The Great Seal) Sharpe

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy from Liber BC and G S No No 8 folio 116 one of the records belonging to the Western shore land office of Maryland I have hereunto set my (Seal) hand and affixed my official seal this 26th day of February 1824

John Brewer Reg L'off W.

Mr Thomas James his Patent 12 acres The Pasture Ground

Frederick &c Know ye that whereas Thomas James of Saint Marys County by his humble petition to our agents for management of land affairs within this Province did set forth that there was about the quantity of twenty five acres of vacant land lying and being in the County aforesaid on the west side of the head of Kings Creek and joyning the following tracts viz a tract belonging to the petitioner one other belonging to William Williams one other to John Bodd and one other to Nicholas Mills partly cultivated by means whereof the petitioner conceived the same could not be taken up by a common warrant he therefore humbly prayed a special warrant to effect and secure it and that on return of a certificate of such survey he complying with all requisites usual in such cases might have our grant issued unto him thereon which was granted him accordingly a warrant on the eleventh day of May seventeen hundred and fifty eight unto him for that purpose did issue in pursuance whereof it is certified into our said office that there is surveyed and laid out for and in the name of him the said Thomas James no more than the quantity of twelve acres of land for which rights were made good at the time of granting said warrant according to Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore our great grandfather of noble memory his instructions to Charles Carroll Esqr his then agent bearing date at London the twelfth day of September seventeen hundred and twelve and registered in our secretarys office of our said province together with a paragraph of our dear fathers instructions bearing date at London the fifteenth day of December seventeen hundred and thirty eight and registered in our land office



We do therefore hereby grant unto him the said Thomas James all that tract or parcel of land called the Pasture ground lying in the said County on a Creek called Kings Creek joining to a tract of land called Roberts Freehold belonging to William Williams and to a tract of land called Cole addition belonging to the said James beginning at a bounded white oak standing by a marshy branch called Roberts branch the beginning boundary of the land called Roberts Freehold running thence north north east one hundred and twenty perches north seven degrees west six perches north eighteen degrees west fourteen perches north west thirty four perches north thirty three degrees east twenty five perches south east thirteen perches south by east eighteen perches south twenty two degrees east twenty perches south four degrees east twelve perches south nine degrees west fourteen perches south twenty eight degrees west sixteen perches south seven degrees East twenty two south fifty five degrees west fifteen perches south three degrees west sixteen perches south twelve degrees west ten perches north seventy two degrees west four perches south twelve degrees east six perches south seventy eight degrees west three perches south eight degrees east twelve perches south seventy degrees west four perches south six perches north sixty degrees west thirteen perches south thirty three degrees west eight perches south sixty six degrees east ten perches south thirty four degrees East three perches south forty degrees west three perches thence with a strait line to the beginning containing twelve acres of land more or less according to a certificate of the survey thereof taken and returned into our land office bearing date the tenth day of June seventeen hundred and fifty eight and there remaining together with all rights profits benefits and privileges thereunto belonging royal mines excepted. To Have and To Hold the same unto him the said Thomas James his heirs and assigns forever to be holden of us and our heirs as of our manor of Beaver Dam as a free common soccage by fealty only for all manner of services yielding and paying therefore yearly unto us and our heirs at our receipt at our City of Saint Marys at the two most usual feasts in the year to wit the feast of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and Saint the archangel by even and equal portions the rent of six pence sterling in silver or gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcel thereof one whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs or such officer or officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept and discharge thereof at the choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid provided that if the said sum for a fine for alienation shall not be paid unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers aforesaid before such alienation and the said alienation entered upon record either in the provincial or County Court where the same parcel of land lyeth within one month next after such alienation then the