

aforesaid we do for us and Our heirs hereby fully ratify and Confirm to every of the said Copyholders respectively and do hereby declare that they shall be as Valid in Law to every of them respectively against us and Our Heirs as if we Ourself had immediately Granted the same And as if every One of the said Copyhold Estates respectively had been passed unto every respective Copyholder by a Grant under Our Great Seal of the said Province any former Commission Instruction or Declaration of ours to the Contrary in any wise notwithstanding and whereas by the third Article of Our last Conditions of Plantation for the said Province dated the second day of July One thousand Six hundred and forty nine there is allowed One hundred Acres to every Adventurer or Planter for every person of British or Irish descent transported thither as by the said Conditions unto which relation being had may more at large appear We understand that it may in divers respects be prejudicial to the General Good of that Colony in case so Great allowance of Land should be long Continued to all that shall hereafter Come to Plant there because by that means the People will be too remotely scituated from one another and the whole Province perhaps in a short time be taken up by a few People leaving little or no Conveniency for others to Come and add Strength and Comfort to them and therefore according to the advice of you our said Lieutenant we have thought fit hereby to declare that instead of One hundred Acres expressd as aforesaid in the said third Article of our said Conditions there shall be only fifty Acres of Land within our said Province allowed to any Adventuror or Planter for or in Respect of any person of British or other decent which shall be transported thether from and After the twentieth day of June One thousand Six hundred fifty and two which Our will and Pleasure is shall be Granted to every Adventurer and Planter respectively upon such terms and Conditions and for such proportionable Rents to be paid to us and Our heirs as are expressed in our said last Conditions of Plantation which in all other things we will shall Stand in force till we or our heirs shall declare Our Pleasure to the Contrary with such Alteration of the Oath of Fidelity therein expressed as we have formerly agreed unto by our declaration dated the sixth of August in the nineteenth year of Our Dominion over the said Province and in the year of Our Lord One thousand six hundred and Fifty and Transmitted thether the last Year and we will and require You our said Lieutenant to pursue our directions herein accordingly (our said former Conditions of Plantation or any former Commission warrant or Instruction to the Contrary notwithstanding and for the better publication and remembrance of the bounds between Virginia and Maryland and

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