

Calvert as many doubts or rather Pretences have arisen touching the non-
 Papers payment of Rent on Surplus or other Lands; Now to Avoid all
 No. 278 distinctions or controversies for the future in such cases, we do

p. 82 Authorise & Impower You, with the Advice & consent of our Governor & Secretary for the time being, to grant any Surplus or other Lands, our Mannors or Reserves Excepted, on such terms & conditions as to you shall seem equitable & just, thò not under the conditions of four shilings reserved Rent per hundred Acres, & five pounds Sterling per cent Acres caution mony: You are Nevertheless to demand where the case will Admit of it, such farther Caution mony or Reserved. Rent as to you & the Gov^{or} for the time being, shall seem just & Expedient.

2. It having been represented to us that many of the Back-Lands in the Province, by reason of their distance, will not bear the reserve of 4^c per 100 Acres; in order therefore to give all due Encouragem^t for the Settling the s^d Lands, Our Will is, with the Advice & consent as is in the Instruction afores^d you do Grant such Lands not under a Reserve of 2^c per 100 Acres Reserved Rent, & 5 £ St: caution mony per 100 acres.

3. And whereas it has been represented to me, that the Fees of the Land-Office, are very grievous to my Tenants, You are to Deliver to the Gov^r to be transmitted to me, an exact List of the Fees relating to that part of the Land Office that concerns the Agent

p. 83 4 You are not to Lett or Grant any Lands in the City of Annapolis or within five miles about the same, without particular Instructions from me, & to cause the strictest Reserve to be laid on & enter'd in all the proper Offices for the purposes afores^d, & forthwith to transmit a Copy of the entry or entrys of the s^d Reserve; and whereas many persons holding Lands within the Bounds afores^d under titles derived from Messieur Boardly or Larking, whose Titles we have great reason to think invalid or fraudulent, may make applications for having their title or titles made good to them, You are to apprise the Governor, of all such Application or applications, & then to transmit such Application with a Survey, Draught or Plan thereof to me, & not to proceed therein but by my particular Direction under my Hand & Lesser Seal and as there are many persons who hold Lands under the titles afores^d & have not as yet been proceeded agst, You are to consult with the Att^{ny} Gen^l what is proper to be done

NB. You are as usual to lett this Instruction be properly Enter'd.

5 Whereas you have been always directed that one of the conditions of the Collectors of the Quit Rents shou'd be, th^t every individual Collector shou'd deliver unto you, (before you do make him his Allowance,) annually, a Copy of the Rent-Roll by which he has that year collected; you are again directed strictly to comply with