

year "for and in respect of a (c) heriot," which condition is declared inserted by mistake of the clerk who drew and engrossed those patents, and is disclaimed by the proprietary.

LIBER No. 15, fol. 175.

*Extracts from instructions from the proprietary to William Talbot, Esquire, chief secretary of the province, dated September 8th 1670.*

"Art. 6th. That whereas his lordship has heretofore given several instructions to his governor and surveyor general there to cause two manors at least to be reserved in every county of the said province for his lordship's use, each manor containing at least six thousand acres of good land to be reserved in convenient places and so to be forthwith entered upon record there in the secretaries office of the said province, his lordship doth hereby will and require you to make strict search into all and every the said records of the said office, and to take special notice and recognizance of what manors are already so reserved, entered upon record, and to send his lordship a true copy of the said record attested under your hand of such manors as are already reserved as aforesaid as you shall find entered upon record there in the office.

"7. That in case you find any part of his lordship's said instructions therein not hitherto observed or performed you do then immediately acquaint the governor and surveyor general therewith or any other of his lordship's officers there, to whom the speedy redress of such faults do belong, and that you do often mind them and press them to put the same in execution and that you send his lordship notice from time to time what is or shall be done therein.

"8. That you use all possible means to find out all such lands or manors having been formerly reserved for his lordship's use as are not as yet entered upon record, or if they be notwithstanding improperly entered for want of distinct names and bounds assigned unto them, or the quantities of acres they contain. You are therefore in such cases hereby required to cause all such manors reserved for his lordship's use to be named, bounded, and the quantity of acres they contain to be ascertained by his lordship's governor and surveyor general or his deputy or deputies there, and to be entered upon record in your said office, and to

(c) A feudal custom of Danish origin, commonly attached to copyhold estates. It consists most generally of a tribute of the best horse or other best, or the best piece of plate &c. of the party, payable at his death.