

veyor general and his deputies of such escheated and forfeited lands, to the end no survey of any other said lands may be made by any of them for any other persons, and that you permit no grants from his lordship of such lands to pass your office with particular warrants or instructions given or to be given by his lordship to that purpose, under his lordship's hand and seal at arms, entered or to be entered upon record in your office there, and that you send his lordship a true copy of the record attested under your hand of such lands as are already and shall here after be from time to time escheated or forfeited to his lordship."

COUNCIL BOOK, C. B. fol. 50.

" MARYLAND, ss.

*" By his excellency the Captain General.*

" Forasmuch as the right hon'ble the lord proprietary hath commanded me to return unto him an exact account of all such lands as are escheated unto his lordship, by any ways or means whatsoever within this province, and being desirous nothing more than exactly to comply with and perform his lordship's command in every particular, I do therefore hereby order and command you that you make a true and fair list of all such lands as are escheated to his lordship within your county, and in the same signify not only the quantity of any tract of land that is escheated to his lordship within your county, but also whether it be rich, indifferent, or barren land, and whether any of it be cleared, and how much, and if seated, then what improvements are made thereon as to orchards, fencing, and housing, and so of every particular tract of land escheated within your county to his lordship as aforesaid; and the said list fairly engrossed and attested under your hand that you return unto me at the city of St. Mary's the tenth day of May next and for the more fully empowering and enabling you to perform his lordship's commands herein, I do hereby require the clerk of the court of your county to be aiding and assisting to you in the premises. Of this you are not to fail. Given under my hand and seal at arms the 11th day of November, in the 42d year of the dominion of his said lordship over Maryland, &c. Annoq. Domini 1673."

*" To Mr. John Allen, high sheriff of Calvert county."*

*(The like sent into every particular county.)"*

COUNCIL BOOK, C. B. fol. 116.

*" At a council held the 27th of February 1683.*

*" Ordered that all inquisitions returned upon writs of mandamus issued forth of the chancery court of records by*