

“ he can pass any grant thereof, and therefore the former order of this board for mandamus to issue to enquire into the lands of David Philips, is hereby confirmed.”

“ 5th May 1684. ”

“ When the land that sir John Oldcastle formerly held shall be adjudged mine, I order colonel William Digges may have a patten for the same as the gift of

C. BALTIMORE.”

“ *To the sec'rys for the time being.*”

LIBER C. B. lands, fol. 154, &c.

“ Judeth Price, by her petition sets forth that her husband Roger Price being possessed of three tracts of land in Talbot county, amounting to four hundred and fifty acres, was unfortunately drowned—She prays that the said lands may be *continued* to her and her heirs.

“ Order for mandamus to enquire whether the lands do escheat to his lordship; the petition to be further considered upon return of the inquisition.”

LIBER C. B. No. 1, fol. 27.

“ A like petition from the widow of William Cocks, late clerk of the provincial court, representing that the said Cocks died (intestate) seized of a certain parcel of land and left no heirs within the province—a mandamus ordered, and upon return of inquisition his lordship promises, if the land be found escheat, that it shall be granted to the petitioner.”

LIBER C. B. No. 1, fol. 29.

“ The petition of John Earle of Talbot county, sets forth that he married the daughter and sole heiress of John Burges of the said county, who dying left to his said daughter a certain parcel of land, which by her death, afterwards without issue, the petitioner supposes to be escheat—He therefore craves a mandamus, &c. and preemption of the said land. Mandamus ordered accordingly, and the petitioner (on condemnation) to have “ the refusal” of the said land, “ upon such reasonable terms as to the board shall seem meet.”

LIBER C. B. No. 1, fol. 144.

“ It is represented afterwards in a petition of Thomas Skillington, in reference to the same land, that William Turner had in the year 1659, obtained a grant of four hundred acres, which he bequeathed by will to his sons Richard and Edward Turner—to be equally divided between them, but the said Richard to have his *choice* upon the partition. That