

at any time obtained special warrants of any kind whatsoever and returned certificates thereof into the land office, that unless within two years next after the date of such proclamation, they did pay and satisfy unto his lordship, or to his agent or other officer by him appointed to receive the same, such price as should be agreed upon for escheat, or otherwise forfeited lands; for vacant cultivated lands and the improvements made thereupon, and make good rights to contiguous vacancies added under former surveys according to the import and true design of such special warrants, and do likewise sue out grants thereon within the time limited as aforesaid, that then and in all cases of neglect either in paying the purchase money or making good rights as aforesaid, his lordship did thereby recall, revoke and make null his former acts of favour in the granting of such special warrants, declaring all lands so resurveyed and not paid for as aforesaid, to be again subjected to the preemption of the next discoverer, which said proclamations have been hitherto little regarded by the people of this province.

Wherefore for the better enforcing the same and for removing any pretence of surprize upon any of his lordship's tenants; These are in his said lordship's name to publish and make known unto all persons whatsoever having or pretending any rights to lands by certificate of resurvey returned and lodged in his lordship's land office, upon escheat warrants, upon warrants for vacant cultivation, or upon special warrants for adding contiguous vacancy as aforesaid, that if they do not apply to the agent and make purchase of his lordship's right to such lands as aforesaid and sue out grants thereon according to the design and purport of the above recited proclamation, then and in all such cases the several tracts of land so resurveyed, and now lying upon certificate returned and lodged in his lordship's land office, are subjected as by the former proclamation to the first discoverer of such deficiency or failure in the payment of the purchase money, or neglect in making good rights to the same, which discoverer for his greater encouragement will be allowed the preemption of the lands so by him discovered to have been held and claimed, by any person or persons whatsoever without paying the purchase money, or making good rights to vacancies as aforesaid. Whereof we charge his lordship's agent and secretary and all others concerned to take particular notice. Given at the city of Annapolis, this seventh day of February, in the 30th year of his lordship's dominion, Annoq. Domini, 1744.

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