

indulgence, we hereby empower you to grant all surplus land in our province whereon no patents of confirmation have already issued upon the like terms, conditions and reservation of rent as mentioned in the original grants or patents for such land; the partys applying first compounding with our agent for the purchase money, interest thereon, and rent from the date of the original grant for such surplus land. C. B.

Given at London this 12th day of August in the 27th year of our dominion, Anno Domini, under our hand and lesser seal at arms, 1741.

By his lordship's order,

JNO. BOWNING, Sec'y."

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" April, 1756.

" MARYLAND ss.

" *By the right honourable the lord proprietary,*

" A PROCLAMATION.

" Whereas several of our tenants in this our province do, under colour of old grants obtained from our noble ancestors, hold several acres of land as comprised within the metes and descriptions of such grants more than the quantities therein expressed, and more than were by the original patentees applied for, or by our said ancestors intended to be granted to such persons respectively, without having heretofore paid any purchase money, quit rent or other acknowledgment for such surplus; which being to our said ancestors a manifest fraud, and a glaring injury to ourself, might (were we disposed to proceed with rigour) prompt us to a means of redress not only destructive of any pretence of claim to such surplus lands as aforesaid, but likewise subversive of what titles such patentees, or those who claim under them, may have to the true quantities of land applied for and expressed in such patents as intended to have been thereby granted, and ruinous to many of our tenants in our said province:—We nevertheless being willing and desirous to those of our said tenants, who are inclined to yield us content in the premises, with all possible lenity, have resolved to admit a purchase of such surplus lands those who claim under such original grants, upon the most easy terms; and upon the requisites hereafter mentioned being complied with, to grant and confirm unto such persons respectively a full, absolute and indefeazible estate of inheritance in fee simple against us and our heirs both in law and equity, in and to such surplus as aforesaid. We do therefore, by this our proclamation, publish and declare our assent and pleasure as follows, to wit: That every person within our