

true and faithful execution of his trust, or employment, and shall have qualified to this effect; that he will truly and faithfully, to the best of his knowledge and power, discharge and execute such his trust and employment, you are forthwith to return a certificate of such his qualification to the surveyor general whose approbation, or permission shall be expressed or recited in the order or appointment, which you make and deliver to your assistant; and you are also to give him a copy of these your instructions.

" 22d. Whereas the following being an article of instructions, delivered to the judges of the land office, viz. "in case of warrants of resurvey hereafter to be issued, notwithstanding the general power therein to add all or any contiguous vacancy; yet, unless the party who shall obtain the same make a particular location thereof on the land and number of acres he shall intend to secure, within eight months after the date of such warrants, such person shall not have any preference before any person interested in any other warrant, on which a prior survey shall be made," you are hereby required to act in conformity therewith.

" 23d. In case you shall afterwards dismiss your assistant, you are to give notice thereof to the surveyor general, with your reasons for so doing."

*Copied from the journal of proceedings of the board of revenue, at the sitting of December 5th, 1768.*

" COMMISSION IN 1674, TO A DEPUTY SURVEYOR.

" Baker Brooke, Esq. surveyor generall of the province of Maryland, to Charles James, of the county of Cecil, in the said province of Maryland, gent. greeting: Whereas Cecilus, absolute lord and proprietary of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon, hath by a commission under his hand and greater seal at arms, bearing date the first day of August, in the fortieth year of his dominion over the said province, and in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred seventy one, deputed, constituted and appointed me surveyor generall of this province, and hath given and granted unto me the said Baker Brooke all fees, dues, vayles, regards profits, and perquisites to the said office belonging, or any wayes arising or becoming due, and the same to execute by myself or any sufficient deputy or deputies, and I reposing speciall trust and confidence in you, the said Charles James, in your art and skill in laying out men's lands, running out of lines, and in the art of surveying by virtue of the commission aforementioned from his lordship as aforesaid have deputed, constituted and appointed, and by these presents doe depute, constitute and appoint you the said Charles James, to be a