

“ Whereupon it was considered, that for the future the said clause be amended in all patents hereafter to be passed, viz. Whereas it hath been said, (Provided that if the said A B, meaning the patentee) his heirs or assigns, shall not pay unto us or our heirs, or such officer or officers as aforesaid, the said sum for a fine, before such alienation, and enter the said alienation upon record, &c. lett be thus expressed, viz. (Provided that if the said sum for a fine for alienation shall not be paid unto us or our heirs, or such officer or officers as aforesaid, and such alienation entered upon record, &c.”)

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 “ *Instructions from his excellency Robert Eden, Esq. governor of the province of Maryland, to Benedict Calvert and George Steuart, Esq's judges of the land office of the said province.*

“ You shall not suffer warrants of any kind to issue out of the land office of this province, until such time as you shall receive instructions from myself, or the governor and commander in chief for the time being to the contrary, that is to say,

“ Warrants for uncultivated vacant lands, warrants for cultivated vacant lands, warrants of resurvey, escheat warrants, or warrants on the proclamation.

“ But if any receipt for caution money pay'd to the agent, shall be brought to you, bearing date before the 9th day of this instant, you may issue warrants to such person or persons; and all warrants that bear date on or before that day, may be renewed as usually. Given under my hand and seal, this 10th day of March 1772.”

ROBT. EDEN.”

N. B. This suspension is supposed to have been occasioned by the death of Frederick lord Baltimore. Nothing but *renewals*, and warrants for caution already paid, are found after this, until the 30th of May 1773; Benedict Calvert and George Stuart, Esqrs. having received a commission as judges of the land office from the new proprietary the preceding day.

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 “ *Annapolis, 6th October 1774.*

“ GENTLEMEN,

“ By virtue of an instruction from Hugh Hamersly, Esquire, one of the guardians of the right honourable Henry Harford, Esq. proprietor of Maryland, dated at Spring Gardens, Westminster, the 30th of July 1774, I am directed to signify unto you, that it is the pleasure of the lord proprietary's guardians, that all further proceedings up-