

grant to be taken up and granted upon credit as aforesaid be made and granted upon condition to be void in case the grantee and grantees to whom the same shall so be made and granted his or their heirs or assigns respectively do not or shall not within four years to be accounted from the day of the date of such grant or grants respectively bring in or import into the said Province to reside or continue there one person of British or Irish descent for every fifty acres so to be granted upon credit as aforesaid and make sufficient proof of such bringing in and importation of every such person signed and sealed with the seal of my office by order from the hon'ble the Governor and Council this 23d of December 1670.

By me WILLIAM TALBOT Secretary."

COUNCIL BOOK, C. B. fol. 47.

(L.S.) *Instructions given by the right Hon'ble Cecilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. to his trusty and well beloved Nephew Baker Brooke of Maryland Esq. his Lordship's Surveyor General of the said Province of Maryland for the better execution of the Surveyor General's place there.*

*Imprimis*, That he make diligent enquiry of all such persons as have procured grants of lands to be passed to them without survey thereof made by his Lordship's Surveyor General or his sufficient deputy before the passing thereof and if he find any such that he certify the same to his Lordships Lieutenant there and desire his order to have such land surveyed by the Surveyor General and in case it be found that his Lordship be wronged by any such grant that he desire the said Lieutenant to certify the same.

2. *Item*. That he survey no land in the said province to be granted by his Lordship to any person or persons whatsoever but by order from time to time from his Lordship or his Lieutenant of the said Province or such as he shall appoint.

3. *Item*. That he call courts of enquiry and survey once every year in all the several counties of the said Province for which he is first to demand of his Lordship's Lieutenant an authority by a commission in his Lordships name under the great seal of the said Province to enquire and examine the rights and titles which any one claim to any lands in the said Province and whether they possess more Land than their due or whether they hold by any lawful title from his Lordship and what rents and services they ought to pay to his Lordship that he enter the same in a book and make two copies thereof one of which he is yearly to send to his Lordship and the other he is to deli-