

said for Skillington, though not included in the patent of confirmation, and as having been surveyed, not capable of being taken by a common warrant. He threatens the petitioner that he will procure a special warrant for the said 150 acres.

“Petitioner therefore prays, that as the said parties voluntarily let fall their surveys and took patent of confirmation for as much of the land as they thought proper, holding the overplus as if it had been included in the said patent, without paying rent for the same, he may have a warrant of resurvey on the 300 acres, formerly laid out for Skillington; and that such part thereof as may be found within the tract taken up by the petitioner, and not comprehended by the aforesaid patent of confirmation may be granted to him—he making good rights for the same.”

Warrant of resurvey issued to Thomas Pattison and Henry Parker, (specially appointed for this case) to resurvey the tract called Richardson's Folly, according to its ancient metes and bounds; &c. to return certificate under their hands and seals—the expences to be borne jointly by Edmondson and the petitioner, the overplus (if any) appearing on the resurvey, free to be taken up by any person, &c.

CHAPTER VIII.

FURTHER HISTORICAL NOTICES.

It has been stated, in concluding our account of the settlement of the province, that the *powers of government*, which had been wrested from the proprietary by Cromwell, in the year 1654, and recovered at the restoration of Charles II. continued in the hands of the Baltimore family until the period of the *English* revolution. The original proprietary, of course, enjoyed them during the remainder of his life, though not without opposition, and great perplexities, which, however, he surmounted by firm and prudent conduct, and by a strict forbearance from any act that could impeach his due allegiance and fidelity to the government of the mother country: but the weight of those disasters which he had been fortunate enough to avoid, soon began to fall upon his son and successor Charles Calvert, who had for many years been governor of the province. He, as has been before mentioned, went to England