

Seven Hundred and fifty Acres of Land in any part of the Province of Maryland Not before reserved for the Said Lord Prop^{ty}'s Own Use Nor surveyed for any other Person. We find that the Usual method of Acquiring of Estates in Land within the said Province from the first Settlement thereof hath Always been and Still is to issue Warrants or Precepts forth of the Land office Directed to his Lordships Surveyors Who were always Sworn officers Commanding them to lay out the Quantity of Land mentioned in Such Warrant or Precept for the Person therein mentioned in any part of the Province not before Surveyed for any other Person nor reserved for his Lordship's Use and to Return a Certificate of the Survey of the Quantity of Land Mentioned in Such Warrants or Precepts Containing the Scituation Meets and bounds and the Day Month and Year in w^{ch} Such Surveys were made, Upon Which return the Person for whom Survey or Surveys was made, Was Entitled to his Lordships Grant for Such Land and by Virtue of Such Survey and Grant to an Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple therein Provided that the Land mentioned in such Grant was not before the Survey thereof Either reserved for the Lord Proprietor his Own Use or surveyed for Some other Person We find that the only and usual way whereby the Priority of reserves for his Lordships Use and other Reserves for Private Persons and the Estates in all the Lands in Maryland has been and Still is Determined by the Dates of the Certificates of the Sever^{al} reserves and Surveys Containing the Particular Scituation and Meets and bounds of Such reserves and Surveys w^{ch} Certificates always Contain the particular time Wherein Such reserves or surveys were made wth the Meets and bounds thereof W^{ch} always have been and Still are returned into and Entered in his Lordships the Lord Proprietarys Land office where all reserves and Certificates of Surveys are Entered And whence all Warrants or Precepts for taking Up Land are issued We find that by Virtue of a Warrant or Precept issued out of his Lordships Land office in Usual form for Seven Hundred and fifty Acres of Land his Lordships Sworn Surveyor the Nineteenth Day of December Sixteen Hund^d and Sixty three Surveyed for the said Walter Bayne Seven Hundred and fifty Acres of Land in Charles County and returned his Certificate thereof into the s^d office in the following Words 19 December 1663 Laid out for Walter Bayne of this Province Gent a Parcell of Land in Charles County Called [788] Durham lying in the woods on the East Side of the main Fresh Runn of Portobacco Creek beginning at a bounded white Oak and Running Up the said Fresh for breadth the Length of three Hund^d Seventy five Perches to a bounded oak bounding on the north by a Line Drawn East from the said Oak for the Length of three Hund^d and twenty perches to a bounded Oak on the East by a line Drawn South from the End of the said North line the length of three Hund^d seventy five perches to a bounded oak that interferences a parrallell line Drawn west to the first bounded oak on the South with the said Parrallell on the west with the said Fresh Containing and now laid out for Seven