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And the *soil* is rich and fertile, naturally producing all such *Commodities* as are found in *New-England* or *Virginia*, which shall be next treated of, as also doth abound in the same sorts of *Beasts* and *Fowl*, both tame and wild, *Fish*, *Fruits*, *Plants*, *Roots*, *Herbs*, *Gums*, *Trees*, *Balsams*, &c. But the general trade of this Province depends chiefly upon *Tobacco*, which being esteemed better for a Foreign Market than that of *Virginia*, finds great vent abroad, and the *Planter* at home, in exchange thereof, is furnished by the *Merchant* with all necessaries for himself, his House, Family, and Plantation. Its Rivers.
The Soil.
Their trade.

The Natives of this Province, as to their *stature*, *complexion*, *customs*, *dispositions*, *laws*, *religions*, *apparel*, *dyes*, *houses*, &c. are much the same with those of *New-England* and *Virginia*, and are also of different *Tribes*, or sorts of People, and each governed by their particular *King*.

This Province of *Mary-land*, his Majesty *R. Charles the First*, in *Anno* 1632. granted by Patent to the Right Honorable *Cecilium Calvert*, Lord *Baltimore*, and to his Heirs and Assigns, and by that Patent created him, and them, the true and absolute Lords and Proprietors of the same (saving the Allegiance and Sovereign Dominion due to his Majesty, his Heirs, and Successors); thereby likewise granting to them all Royal *Jurisdiction* and *Prerogatives*, both *Military* and *Civil*; as power of enacting *Laws*, *Martial Laws*, making of *War* and *Peace*, *pardon*ing of *offences*, conferring of *honours*, *coining* of *money*, &c. and in acknowledgment thereof, yielding and paying yearly to his Majesty, his Heirs, and Successors, two *Indian arrows* at *Windsor-Castle* in *Berkshire*, on *Easter Tuesday*, together with the fifth part of all the *Gold* and *Silver-ore* that shall be there found. And for the better inviting of people to settle here, his Lordship, by advice of the General Assembly of that Province, hath long since established a *Model* of good and wholesome *Laws*, for the ease and benefit of the *Inhabitants*, with toleration of *Religion* to all sorts that profess the Faith of Christ; which hath been a principal motive to many to settle under that Government; rather than in another where liberty of Conscience is denied them. Lord Balt-
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land.

This Province, where peopled by the *English*, is severed into ten Counties, to wit, five Eastwards of *Cheespeak-bay*, as *Cecil*, *Dorchester*, *Kent*, *Somerset*, and *Talbot*; and five Westwards of the said Bay, as *Ann-Arundel*, *Baltimore*, *Calvert*, *Charles*, and *St. Maries*; And in every one of these Counties there is held an inferiour Court every two months for small matters, from which there lyeth Appeals to the *provincial Courts* held at *St. Maries*. There are likewise certain *Magistrates* appointed by his Lordship in each County, as *Sheriffs*, *Justices of the Peace*, &c. Its division.

The *Inhabitants* being at present about 16000, have begun to build several *Towns*, which in few years 'tis hoped may come to some perfection, as *Calverton*, *Herrington*, and *Harvy-Town*, all commodiously seated for the benefit of *trade* and *conveniency of shipping*, but above all is *St. Maries*, seated on *St. Georges River*, beautified with well-built *Houses*, is the place where the Governour (his Lordships Son and Heir *Mr. Charles Calvert*) hath his House, though at present he resideth at *Mattapany*, about 8 miles distant, and where the *General Assembly* and *Provincial Courts* are held, and *publick Offices* kept. And for the better assisting the Governour in matters that concern the Government of the Province, he hath his Council, &c. Its inhabi-
tants and
Towns.

VIRGINIA, particularly so called, hath for its Southern limits *Carolina*; for its Eastern, the *Atlantic Ocean*; for its Northern, *Mary-land*; and for its Western, that vast track of Land which runneth into the South-Sea. Description
of Virginia.

This Country (as indeed all the track of the Sea-coast) was first discovered by Sir *Francis Drake*, and was so named by Sir *Walter Raleigh*; in honour of Queen *Elizabeth* who then reigned. Virginia, by
whom first
discovered.