

The Governor and Council of Virginia,
their complaint against Lord Baltimore.
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To the Kings most sacred Ma^{tie}
And the Lords of his Ma^{ties} most
Hon^{ble} Privy Councill.

The Governor and Councill of the Collony
of Virg^a on behalf of themselves and the
said Colony doe in all

Humility p^rsent

That in November in the fourteenth yeare of yo^r Ma^{ties} Reigne wee received yo^r Ma^{ties} Royall instruccōns fully and in every part of them expressing your Pious and Princely care both for our protection and advancem^t—to w^{ch} wee doe and ever shall yeild our most humble and ready obedience and for w^{ch} wee shall for ever pay our most humble thanks to your Ma^{tie} and our most earnest prayers to God for his blessings upon yo^r Royall person and the continuance of yo^r Princely favours to us. And because amongst many others of the said Royall Comānds & instruccōns, one was that Com^{rs} should be appointed to meete and treat with other Com^{rs} for the Province of Maryland of the best and most effectuell meanes of lessning those vast quantities of Tobacco made in these partes to the intent that from that Treaty such good rules might be established as might advance the price of that commodity, to the encouragement both of the Planter and Merchant, Wee have thought it our duty humbly to declare unto your Majesty and the Lords of your most hon^{ble} Privy Councill that in obedience to the s^d Royall comānd & allso to an Ord^r of the 29th of June 1662 wee did on the 12th of May in the 15th yeare of yo^r Ma^{ties} Reigne meete & treat with certaine Com^{isso}^{rs} appointed and impow^{er}ed from Maryland the result of w^{ch} Treaty was, that the best way of preserving Tobacco (our only comōdity) in price & reputacōn was to lessen the quantity w^{ch} was by the increase of the numbers of Planters and their unlimited planting growne so great as to clogg all Marketts to the apparent impoverishing of these Colonies & the discouragement of the Merchants & th^t the best & most practicall meanes of lessening it as aforesaid would be by a strict prohibiting all or any to plant after the 20th of Iune as by the Articles of the said Treaty more fully may appeare. But those Articles being by the said Com^{iss}^{rs} submitted to the consideracōn and approbation of the succeeding Assemblies of Virg^a and Maryland they mett with a speedy & ready confirmacōn in th^t of Virg^a but had the misfortune not to finde the same recep^{cōn} in Maryland, (but were upon very unjust & untrue suppositions of our advantage in clime & seasons of