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and his Complices intending not only our former peace (confirmed us by your Maj^{ties} most happy Accession to the Crown) to disturb but also the Government violently and by force of Armes have wrested out of the hands of the said Lord Baltimore and his Deputies under pretence of several grievances by him and his complices asserted in their Declaration sett forth for their appearance in Armes which wee are fully sensible is altogether false scandalous and malicious and because our Consciencs would not admitt us to joyn with those persons in so false a Charge, wee are daily threatened with Imprisonment and to have our houses broke open and rifled also, those protestant Gents who for their discretion, sober life and good repute were made Justices of the Peace (not only in this County but the Province in Gen^l) are displact whilst Illiterate Persons and persons of evil life & conversation are by them made Justices in the Courts of Judicature and Commanders also of the Militia they being the only persons whom wee are to apply ourselves for redress for the abuses daily given us of which when wee complain wee are told by some there is no Law but the sword and by others of their Officers that they may do what they please for should a Governor come in either from your Maj^{tye} or the Lord Baltimore they were not such fools as to lay down their armes without a gen^l pardon for all misdemeanours committed by them during the time of this late Revolution by which wee can conjecture noe other than as they have already begun upon our Persons soe next they will upon our Estates to the ruine of our posterities if not timely prevented for these and innumerable other Grievances that the good protestant Subjects of this County daily undergoe and which they have patiently borne in obedience to your Majesties peace as well against the said John Coode as those his aiders and abettors wee do solemnly protest and declare as persons highly guilty of sedition and the breach of the Laws most humbly beseeching your sacred Majestie to take our insupportable Grievances into your princely consideration and to make such order for our relief as in the serenity of your Majesties Wisdom shall seem most meet, from whom only wee can expect redresse of our present calamities and as in Duty bound we shall pray for your Majesties long life and happy Reigne.

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