

those persons who by the duty of their place and trust there lately vnder vs ought to haue informed vs, of the truth of the Passages of that buisness would either abuse vs, or wrong the said William Tompson, or anyone else by a false Information especially of such things as were publick there the truth whereof could not be vnknowne to many others in that Place. Nevertheless in Regard the said Assembly there haue given so good a testimony on the said Tomsons behalfe wee are now willing to belieue that there may haue bene some mistake in the said Information concerning the said Tomson, or if the said Tomson did any such things as wee were informed of him, that they proceeded from ignorance or inadvertence, and not out of any mallice or ill affection in him to vs. Wherefore in Compliance with the desire of the said Assembly, and in confidence that the said Tomson by his future Comportment wilbe more carefull to merritt our good opinion of him, in Justificacōn of the said Assemblies recommendation wee are willing to forgett what is past and show such favor to him, as his loyalty and fidellity to vs hereafter shall deserve Mr Abraham Janson a Dutchman as wee vnderstand exported this yeare a Good quantity of Tobacco out of Maryland, and ought to have paid tenn shillings per hogshed as Custome due to vs yt. But Contrary to his Agreement & promise to the said Thomas Greene, our then Lieutennant there, (as wee are informed) did not pay the same to our Officers there for our Vse, Therefore wee doe hereby require you our present Lieutennant there to examin the truth hereof, and in Case you find that the said Janson hath not paid the said Custome, as hee ought to have don then to cause right to be done vnto vs therein, vpon such debts or Estate, as you shall find belonging vnto the said Janson within our said Province, or by compelling him to pay the same, if hee come againe thither. And whereas there are Divers Cattle as wee are informed in our said Province, vnto which none can lay any Certaine clayme, ffrom whence som questions there haue arrissen (as we vnderstand) vnto whom in that Case they ought to belong. Wee doe hereby declare that all such Cattle doe of right belong vnto vs, as Lord of the province, vnless such Cattle be found at such tyme as they are taken vpon some Mannor belonging to some other person who by Grant from vs, haue (among other Royalties, and priuiledges belonging to their respective Mannors) all waiffes and Strayes granted vnto them respectively by vs, And this is soe Evident in all lawe and Reason that wee conceive vpon due Consideration thereof, No Rationall man can make doubt of our Right herein. And now, as wee haue by our Concurrence in soe many pticulars aboue mentioned for the Ease and advantage of the people there given sufficient Testimony as wee conceive

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