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Report from the Com^{tee} of forraigne Plantacōns conc̄ Maryland
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At the Com^{tee} of Lords & Comons for fforraigne Plantacōns

The Peticon of diuerse the Inhabitants of Maryland was this day read, setting forth the Tyranicall Gouvernement of that Prouince, euer since its first setling, by Recusants; whoe haue seduced, & forced many of his Ma^{ty} Subiects, from their Religion: And humbly praying, the assistance, & protection of the Parliament, by appointing such a Goūnem^t as they shall thinke fitt. Vpon consideration whereof; as alsoe of the Letters Patents, whereby his Ma^{ty} in the eighth yeare of his Raigne, granted the said Prouince to Cecill Calvert, Baron of Baltimore; and of a Certificate from the Judge of the Adm^{ty} (grounded vpon depositions of witnesses taken in that Court;) That Leonard Caluert late Gouverno^r there had a Comission from Oxford, to seise such persons, ships, & goods, as belonged to any of London; w^{ch} he Registered, proclaymed and endeauoured to put in execution at Virginia. And that one Brent his Deputy Go^r had seised vpon a ship employed vnder Comission, deriued from the Parliam^t, because she was of London: and afterwards, not only tampered wth the Company thereof, to carry her to Bristoll, then in hostility against the Parliam^t but alsoe tendred them an Oath ag^t the Parliam^t This Com^{ee} doth therefore conceiue, that not only the said Gou^rno^r & Deputy Go^r are vnfit to be longer continued in the said charge; but alsoe that the Lord Baltimore hath broken the trust reposed in him by the said Lrēs Patents. And that it will be a very good seruice, to haue the said Plantacon and Governm^t settled in Protestants hands, by Ordñce of Parliam^t And it is ordered, that a Report be made of this matter to both Houses, that their pleasure may be receiued therein; And for that Cap^t Ingle lyes vnder the trouble of many suites here for matters done in Maryland, for the Parliam^{ty} seruice. The houses are therefore to be moued, to make prouision by ordinance for exempting from vndue prosecution here all persons, that shall be employed in the setling, and executing of the said Governem^t for matters referring to the said Governem^t, by referring the same to a Committee of Parliament, or otherwise in such sort, as to the wisdome of the houses itt shall appeare meete. And the Earle of Warwicke is desired to make Report hereof to the house of Peeres.

W. Jessop Sec^{ry}.