

performed it, neyther could wee have given your Lordshipps a satisfaction, that wee had still preserved the old forme of government prescribed by his Maj^{tie}, which we are resolved soe punctually to observe that as formerly wee have ingaged ourselves to your Lordshipps wee shall not untill further Instruction swerve from thence though but in things indifferent. If by your Lordshipps' favorable mediation it shall please his Maj^{tie} to cōfirme the Act of the Countrye I shall to my uttmost express my self a faythfull and zealous servant, or otherwise with as devoted a submission be ready to give up my charge where his Maj^{tie} shall place it. Your Lordshipps may please to be informed that the Colony, hath this yeare received an increase of one thousand six hundred and six persons, but I find withall that much imputation undeserved lyeth upon the Countrye by the Merchant's crime, whoe soe pester their ships with passengers that through throng and noysomeness they bring noe lesse then an infection among us which is soe easily to be distinguished from any cause in the malignitye of the clymate, that where the most pestered shipps sent their passengers they carry with them almost a generall mortallitye, which my duetye therefore prefers to your Lordshipps' serious consideration. Without infringing his Maj^{ties} grant to the Lord Baltimore wee have taken the nearest course for avoyding of further unnaturall broiles between them of Maryland, and those of the Ile of Kent. As we find those of Maryland in our Limit we bind them in deep bonds, to keepe the king's peace towards those of the Ile of Kent, as alsoe Capt: Clayborne the Commander of the Ile of Kent towards those of Maryland. As further Cause shall require, your Honours shall receive an accompt from

your Lordshipps Humbly devoted servant
John West.

Point Comfort this 28th
of March 1636.

Lord Baltimore to Secretary Windebank.

25 February 1637. [163 $\frac{6}{7}$].

Right Honorable,

Since I waited on you, I have (heere in the Country) further considered of the proposition which I made unto your Honor, concerning the advancement of his Maj^{ties} service in Virginia, and I have desired my Brother Peaseley to acquaint you with my resolution in it; which I will infallibly performe, if his Maj^{tie}, please to accept of it, for you may be most assured that I would not ingage my credit in a business of such importance and especially to such persons; before I were very well

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