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Country calls them Delicats, for thy gladly com to sutch Christenings at S<sup>t</sup> Marys, where there is good cheere made, and the poore Country payes every time, one two or more hundred thousand pounds of tobacco for it. For there is many Items: and item for chancellors fees; item secretary fees etc: and the more Assemblies the oftner it goes about, all dae thy nothing els, but augment fees uppon fees, and continue temporary lawes as thy call them,

Now when these are confined in a room together, thy are called the lower house and the provintiall Court men in an other chamber, stiles themselves the upper house, and prescribes what the lower house is to consent unto, which iff any grummeles at, then perswadinge spirits goe forth, and if any stands out or up for the comon good, frowns and treathnings scares them to be quieth right or wrong: and this thy call Acts of Assembly, but the Country calls them, dissemblings, and abreptive procured Acts. These Acts must bee first over and above send into England to the proprietary there, (and why not then to the Kings Majesty) and what Hee then doth not relish is of no force, but his selfe interest irrevocable and perpetuall which causes the Assembly now to act for the most part temporary for 3 years or the next Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, and thus doeinge and undoeinge is the reason the Country can never com to any Estability the one not dareinge trust the other. And now pray where is the liberty of the freeborne subjects of England and owr priviledges in Maryland, the Lord proprietary assumms and attracts more Royall Power to himselfe over his Tennants then owr gracious Kinge over his subjects in Engl<sup>d</sup>, and therefore charge the Lord proprietary with Breach of Charter, who gives him noe warrant to deal with the King's Majesty's subjects in Maryland so deceitfully, as further appeared by the sheriffs, which my Lord puts in and out, when, whome and howe long him pleased, contrary to the custom of England and is direct repugnant, as it is also against two express Acts off Assembly, A<sup>o</sup> 61. and 62. wherein the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of every Country where to present 7 persons every Martch, out of which the Governor was to choose one every year and no longer.

But in coms a greater consequence, the proprietary with his familiars houlds forth, that Hee is an absolute prince in Maryland, with as absolute prerogative Royall Right and Power as owr gracious souveraigne in England, and according to that, thy set their Compass to steere by and governe by: But wee replye, that iff it is not within the compass of treason, to saye so, sure it is to acte so, for what els sygnified, that my Lord Baltemore puts himselfe in equall computation with his Court of Armes, next to the Kings Majesty in the great mapp