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under the conduct of the Lord proprietary as His Majesty's Generall and his lift Tennant and Governor and Government established here not repugnant to the laws and customs (without infringeinge upon the liberties and priviledges) off the freeborne Subjects of England, and hereuppon wee doe now appeal to owr gracious Kinge and parliament, iff wee by Maryland charter are otherwise obliged, and produce by the proprietary's first Comistione off Plantations published, that wee are not otherwise required nor invited, and therefore by an usurped Power thy Will make themselves absolute over owr lives, fortunes and estates.

Furthermore owr priviledges are preserved by the expression in Maryland charter to the Adventurers, for wee ourselves thereuppon have transported our selves and our estates into this Country, purchased the land from the Indians with loss of Estate and many hundred mens lives (yea thousands) and must defend ourselves continually without my Lord Baltmore's ability, whereby our land and possessions are become owr Owne, and now wee have made it a Country for the glory and enlargement of the Dominion and Emperial Crowne of England Shall wee and our posterity bee domineered over by the Proprietary, as Rebels to hfm, because wee will not bee Rebels and Traytors to the Kinge and Kingdom of England and become his purgatory slaves? And for this thy begin to hang and fine People.

Wee confess a great many of us came in servants to others, but wee adventured owr lives for it, and got owr poore living with hard labour out of the ground in a terrible Willdernes, and som have advanced themselves much thereby: And so was my Lord Baltmore but an inferiour Irish Lord, and as is sayth one of the Popes privy Agents in England.

The King's Majesty hath intrusted the Proprietary with Maryland by Charter, to bee a good steward to the Reallm of England with it and to manage the affayres thereof for the comon good, establisshing the Country from the beginninge in Townes and Corporations, that the Kings Subjects might live secure from the incursion of the Indians and not bee cut of and Massacrated as before times they where in Roanok and Virginia and New England was a good pattern, to have Maryland seuted with the same felicity, but thy have made Merchandize of the land and now it is passed all most remedy; take peoples lands and will make Townes on 50. or 100 acres without comons or possibility for poore people to live in Thy King's Majesty hath encourradged his Subjects by that charter to com and to inhabit Maryland as his other liege people, produce now out of that Charter the power to make the Tennants swear Allegiance and suppremacie under the cloake of fide-