

assistinge, and will not obye or assist any here in opposition to them. Item, article 7. that no mans arms and ammunition should bee pressed away except those that should appear in a hostill manner. And it was enacted then by that Assembly. viz. findinge these articles greatly conducing to the honor of his Lordship and the peace of the province, as also tendinge to the removall of those feares and jealousies, and to aid the whole inhabitants, have therefore enacted, that the said articles bee to all intent and purposes inviolable observed and confirmed.

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Our great King and Parliament, judge now between your loyall subjects and my Lord Baltemore and his Champions and favorits in Maryland are wee Rebels because wee will not submit to their arbitrary government and entangle our innocent posterity under that tyranicall yoake of papacy? (pray was it not a cruel act to turne a few poore harmles inhabitants out of all thy hath in the midle of a hard winter at the wherekyll, that never hath done any harm to Maryland but submitted imediately, without the least resistance under promised good quarter and save garde, which was after shamefully broak and the poore people ruynated? To such and many the like rigours (the Lord Proprietary's naturall tyrannycall disposition) under the cloake of mutiniers and disaffected persons, thy attempt to force us to bee their asses with their sword-lawes and popish inquisition, which if wee, (and marke wee doe not protest against reall but partiall justice) repulse with owr English retortsion, pray who gives occasion to it? and therefore with all humility, cry and flye to owr gracious Kinge and parliament for relief and protection.

For onely to terrify others, did y^e cause William Davis and to bee fetched bake againe from New Castle uppon delowar, out of his royal Highnes government by force; and hanged them up as if thy hath been ring leaders to a raising in denyall and opposition of the abovesaid oath, uppon the cliffes, not absolutely proved to what intent, neither confessed, neither absolute found guilty by a jury, onely suppository (viz. if the Court found them guilty thy found them guilty, and if the Court did not find them guilty, thy did not find them guilty) and so where executed uppon a stretcht forth chancellors lawe; which wel examined in England, is questionable whether thy would bee condemned as Traytors to the Lord proprietary, because thy would not acknowledge and swear to him for their souveraigne, but deleared themselves onely freeborn subjects to the King and Kingdom of England. But that thy under that Cullour have taxed the Country with a 100 lbs tobacco for every tythable, and fined the conspirators unmercifully exactinge many 1000 of pounds of tobacco into their and