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Colonial
Papers.

The said David Morehead required an Answer from his Lordship in respect the shippes were at Gravesend which are bound for Virginia ready to depart) of his Majesty's sayd letter, that accordingly hee might have his Lordships letters directed to his Agents in those parts according to the tenour and effect of his Maj^{ty}s said letter shewing him with all the originall of a former letter from his Majesty and delyvered him a Coppy thereof. His Lordships Answer was that hee would waite one His Majesty and give His Majesty satisfaction herein, and would give noe other answer untill hee had spoken with his Majesty.

A Declaration shewing the illegality and unlawfull
Proceedings of the Patent of Maryland.

In the year 1607 divers preceding discoveries having confirmed an opinion that the Countrie of Virginia, was fitt for Plantation, It pleased God to affect the minds of verie manie worthiely disposed Noblemen, Gentlemen and others to conceive it as a matter of great Religion and Honor to undertake the worke of perfecting a Christian Plantation in those parts, whereupon King James was pleased to become the first founder of this noble worke, and by his letters Pattents from time to time renewed and enlarged granted all ample priviledges and immunities both to those that managed the busines in England and to those that went to inhabit there, which gave soe great an encouragement that 50 Earles and Barrons 350 knights and 600 Gentlemen and Marchants of Primest ranke became incorporated, and were originally named in the Letters Pattents, by the name of the Company of Virginia, being a greater union of Nobles and Commons then ever conceived in that kingdome to such an undertaking. But nevertheless partly by the naturall difficulties incident to all new Plantations but chiefly through the unnaturall and faulty impediments arising by the crosse agitations of two powerful factions in the Company, the worke went heavily on for the first 12 years, appearing desperate in the severall ill successes thereof. And though afterwards some what advanced and prosperous yett in the yeare 1621. by the fatall blow of a massaker, it was almost shattered to peeces and brought to a calamitous condition, which occasion the contrary faction presently tooke hold of, in soe much that they exceedingly scandalized the action and cared not to cast an aspersion on the Countrie and on the whole management of that affaire, and then further strongly possessed and advised the then kinge, against the forme of the Company's Government, as consisting of an excessive