

to peace and plentie, And there aboute the yeare 1633 the Lord Baltimore pretending though not trulie, that the greatest part of the Countrey was unplanted procured that the aforesaid Judgement soe long delayed was entered and obtained a Pattent for that parte now called Maryland which hee hath since held with a few people and smale adventurer, debarring of those to whome it justlie belonged from planting of it, destroying and ruynating those formerlie seated under Virginia at the Isle of Kent, and interdicting traid with the Indians for furs, discovered and began by them, which since by that meanes is enjoyed by the Sweeds and Duch, and doth bring them in yearely manie thousand pounds, which trade mought have bin solie in the English nation's hands, had not the Lord of Baltimore interdicted it, seased all vessells and displanted their Plantations which Sweeds and Duch doe trade for great quantities of Gunns, Powder and shot with our Indians, to the totall Indangering this Colony if not timely prevented. Such a ground worke had the Pattent of Maryland upon the rightes and labour of others, and as unreasonable have been the whole proceedings and management of their Colony and interests, Att their first arrivall surprising and confiscating many vessells with the goods of divers that they found trading with the Natives, under the Comissions of Virginia and professing an establishment of the Romish Religion onely, they suppressed the poore Protestants amongst them, and carried on the whole frame of their Government in the Lord Proprietor's name. All their proceedings Judicature, Tryalls, and warrants, in the name, power and dignity, and from him onely; not the least mention of a King in all their Government, to that purpose forcedly imposing oaths, of fidelity and to maintaine his Royall Jurisdictions and Prarogatives and Dominion. To protect cheefly the Romane Catholike Relligion in the free exercise thereof, and all done by yearelie Instructions from him out of England, as if hee had been absolute Prince and King; by all which it is easily evident that the Pattent of Maryland was grounded on noe good foundation, The King being misinformed when in noe thinge more deeply and directlie could the honour and justice of his Throne be concerned, then in confirming and conserving the Interest of soe great a conjuncture of Nobles, Knights, Gentlemen and Marchants of Primest Ranck who so piously and worthily adventured their moneys and expended their estates, and paines, whose rights and Interests though their Patent were called in for the time yett had received the most soleme declarations of asshurances, under the Broad Seale and Privy signett, orders of counsell, Letters to the Colony and by Generall Proclamation there and here, in England, That it were impious to thinke

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