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that either the then Kinge or Kinge James being rightlie informed, would ever have granted such a Patent as this of Maryland and is being nere to the parts of the better Territory of Virginia, and as noe way consistent with equity, and the honour and Publique faith of the Kingdome, soe was noe waie in the absolute and royall powers assumed and executed by him, agreeable to the late Monarchiall Government or the present authoritie of the Comane-wealth of England, and most injurious to the rights and interests of the noble Adventurers and the painefull and indefaticable Planters who had soe long conserved her from totall ruine.

A short and successive narration of the most of the afforsaid Publique assurances followes viz.

1. First by an order of the Counsell 8<sup>th</sup> October 1623. (before the quo warranto) brought to arme the minds of the Adventurers and Planters against any mistaken feare and apprehension as if their estates should receive prejudice.

2. And whereas the Lords of the Counsell were informed that the intended change of the Government, had begott a generall discouragement among the Adventurers, not withstanding sundrie other declarations made at the board viva voce, and that former act of Counsell, their Lordships were pleased by an order of the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1623, to declare againe, that there was noe other intention, but onely and meerialie the reforming and change of the present Government, and that noe man should receive any prejudice, but have his estate fullie and whollie conserved, and if in any thinge it were found defective better to be secured, which order by their Lordship's Command was sent over and published in Virginia, att their generall assembly for encouragement of the Planters.

3<sup>ly</sup> King James was also pleased to expresse the same in his Commission to sundry of his own Privy Counsell and other Commissioners for the time being, for the affayers of Virginia, 15<sup>th</sup> July 1624 That his intention was to alter the Letters Patents as to the forme of Government, but with preservation of the Interests of every Adventurer and Planter.

4<sup>ly</sup> And the like declaration of the king's intention was expressed in the Commission under the broad seale then sent to Sir Francis Wyat, and the Counsell then appointed by his Majestie to governe and direct the affaires and people in Virginia, and the like hath bin inserted in all Kinge Charles' Commissions that have bin given to all the Governors of Virginia that have bin since that time to this present. Neither was there any alteration of the orders and Instructions formerly given by the Company for the Government of the Colony but rather a Conferment and approbation of them that they stand in force to this daie, soe that in noe point were they ever taxed for misgovernment.