

5^{ly} The then king Charles by his Proclamation 13th May Anno primo declared that his aime was to reduce the Government into such a right course as might best agree with the forme held in the rest of his Monarchy and not intended to impeach the Interest of any Adventurer or Planter.

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6^{ly} The Lords of the Counsell by their Letters dated October 24th 1625 signified that the King's pleasure was to preserve every man's perticuler right and the Planters to injoye their former priviledges with addition of other requisite immunities, encouraging also the Planters to discoveries by sea and land, and to perfect the trade of Furrs, which Letter according to their Lordshipp's Command therein expressed was published in Virginia for their encouragement.

7^{ly} The King also for the encouragement of the Planters by his Royall Letters 12th September 1628. was pleased to promise thereby, to renew and conferme unto the Colony under the great seale of England their Lands and Priviledges formerly granted them.

8^{ly} And when the Generall assembly consisting of the Governour, Counsell and Burgesses of the whole Colony complained to the Lords of the Counsell of the interruption of their trade by the Lord Baltimore's deputies, their Lordships were pleased by their Letters of the 22 July 1634 to signify that the Plantation of Virginia should enjoy their estates and trades with the same freedoms and priviledges as they did before the recalling of their Patent.

By all which itt appears that howsoever the Government could not be reduced from that populer forme of the Company in England but by renovation of the Patent it selfe. Yett in respect of both the King's declarations and the Lords order the Adventurers and Planters of Virginia as to their rights and Priviledges according to the rule of equitie, remaine in the same, condition, as if noe such judgement had bin given.

But they often answer here unto to this effect though not truly neither. That the Lord Baltimore's Patent, takes in noe part, that the Virginians had then planted, and soe the Interest of all men is preserved, and that Maryland is noe other then as a perticuler Plantation, as the Company used to grant to divers Adventurers, and Planters, and that the king might doe as much as the Company while they stood.

Ans: 1. Wee replie that the Adventurers and Planters were encouraged to expend their estates in soe vast a proportion and to hazard their lives in all extremities allwayes accompanying new beginnings, in hope that their shares upon the division of the Lands (being 200 miles along the sea shore, and into the land from sea to sea) would recompense them and their heires. This interest by this Patent of the Lord of Balti-