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But as if no such order had been ever made or as if that order had signified nothing those of Virginia were pleased in the year 1666 (as appears by their said Representation) again to apply to those of Maryland in the same affair, and did prevail with the Major part of the Assembly in Maryland, to pass such an Act as in the said Representacōn is mentioned, but with much difficulty as appears by the Representers own acknowledgement. Neither doth the Lord Baltimore think it strange that the Councill & Major part of the Assemblies of both Collonies (which consist of the ablest Planters) should agree to such Cessacōns, or that the Merchants here should desire the same, it being in truth the way to make them rich in one year, and upon the very first essay, and to compell the poorer planters to enter into new servitudes to the more rich to gain subsistance. Neverthelessse the speaker (& some other considerable members of the Assembly of Maryland) in whom regard to the public quiet had overuled all other consideracōns well forsook that such an Act (which did in effect tye up poor men's hands from working out their necessary livelyhood) would very probably endanger the peace of the Province and provoake the people to sedition, he therefore when he saw it was carried by the Major part of the said Assembly by a letter to the Lord Baltimore signed by himself, and some other members of the same Assembly, sought relief agst so great a grievance, neither was it reputed such in Maryland alone, for your Ma^{ties} abovemencōned Order of the 25th of November 1664 for the prohibiting any Cessacōn was received (as he hath bin well informed) wth much satisfaction by the generality of the people of Virginia also By which it appears how vaine that pretence of the Representers is, when they say that the Lord Baltremores disassent to the Cessacōn in Maryland had like to have bred disturbance amongst the people in the Colony of Virginia.

The Lord Baltimore therefore agrees it to be true that in persuance of the said Orders of the 25th of November 1664 and not any private interest of his own (as these Representers suggest) he did by a particular Instrument (according to Custome) declare his dissent, disagreement and disapprobation of and unto the sayd Act in Maryland.

The last Clause of the said Representation is an offer to make a bargain wth y^r Majesty, the effect of which is that if your Majesty will please to order a Cessacōn for one year to the ruin of all the poor planters of the Colonies, & to the damage of your Majesty of at least four score thousand pounds in yo^r Ma^{ties} customes and excise for Tobacco for that year, and all this to give them and others of the richer