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mores, comprehending two degrees, which is six score miles, is wholly taken from them, and scarce is there any room for any Adventurers to take up any Land due unto them.

2^{ly} All Adventurers of the Company were Tenants in Common to all the land which was not actually devided and sett out, and their claime cannot justly be wipt out thus, and yett their interests sayd to be reserved.

3^{ly} That the Lord of Baltimore might have as large a proportion of Land as ever was granted to any by the Company, but wee thinke agreeing to reason that he should people it and either showe his right to it by the Adventure of people sent over to plant it, which was by the Company appoynted to bee. 50 acres to everie person transported thether, or als to have soe many shares of land as hee can shewe right to by the Adventure of money in the old stocke, otherwise how unreasonable is it hee should possesse two third parts of the Bay of Virginia, which may trulie be sayd to be as bigg as the kingdome of England and Scotland and yet now in seventeene yeares, have not more men there, except such as have gone from Virginia, then can or doe plant three or fower hundred acres, and those cheifly imployed in Tobacco, and the great name of Maryland is in effect made but a factorie for trade a nursery of Jesuites and a barr to keepe of other planters, from the best and temperatest parts of the Country, which being farther remoate from the sea, and more Northward are thought some what healthfuller then the lower parts of Virginia.

4^{ly} Wee say that after wee had discovered and brought the Indians of those parts of Maryland to a trade of Corne and Bever, by vertue of the King's Instructions under the broad seale with expense of our bloud and estate and exercised annuall entercourse with them above eight and twentie yeares How can it be said that our interests are preserved, when wee are interdicted this trade, our vessells and goods seized, our persons imprisoned and men slaine and the whole trade assumed onely to the Lord Baltimore's use.

5^{ly} Wee clearely claime right by possession haveing planted the Ile of Kent almost three yeares before ever the name of Maryland was heard of, and Burgesses for that place setting in the Assemblies of Virginia whereby it is evident that the Lord of Baltimore's suggestion to the king that those parts were uncultivated and unplanted, unlesse by barbarous people not haveing knowledge of God, was a misinformation, and by it that Patent appeares illegally gotten. And if the Lord Baltimore takes awaie those lands (who have also purchased the interest of the Natives a right not inconsiderable) and seize their goods and that in an hostile manner as hee hath done,