

Letter from Lord Baltimore to the right hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Lionel Jenkins. P. R. O.  
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Most Honoured Sir,

I was alarumed about three days since by a letter which I then received from Captain William Diggs one of the Council here in which I was advized of some tumultuary Proceedings in Virginia which had occasioned a Proclamation there of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant under Sir Henry Chicheleys hand a Copy of which as also Diggs his letter I presumed about two days since to send to the Earl of Anglesey and having had my uncle M<sup>r</sup> Philip Calvert Chancellor of this Province yesterday at my house there was brought to him in great haste the inclosed letters from M<sup>r</sup> William Steevens another of the Council here who on Saturday last being the 13<sup>th</sup> instant and the day I concluded the Sessions of the last Assembly begun here the 25<sup>th</sup> of the last month, went over to Cherry point in Virginia about some business and there came to understand the evill practises of some ungoverned people tending very much to the same design of that of the late rebell there Bacon—I do presume to send you herewith Steeven's letters knowing it my duty to give you timely advice hereof that if His Majestie have not had from Virginia any notice hereof, you will be pleased to acquaint him therewith for I have such apprehensions, at this time, as that I am now sending out orders to all my Officers on Potomack side to be in a readiness with foot and horse to prevent the landing of any of that rabble, that are said to be gott together in Virginia, and have also sent over to M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Spencer that he will please to let me speedily understand whether there are four or five hundred upp in armes in Virginia destroying mens tobaccos, as these late letters have informed me, that, if soe I may make preparations here accordingly, and to assure him if my service may be accepted of by the Government of Virginia, I may possibly be able to furnish Sir Henry Chicheley with some men from hence, in case matters be soe bad, as we dayly heare they are. They had an Assembly the last month in Virginia but as we are assured little was don, whereas it was hoped there would have been a cessation from planting, and the people missing of their expectations therein, began immediately to mutiny, and for aught I can learn there has been nothing but tumults ever since—In November last I received a letter from Sir Henry Chicheley signifeing the great desires of the inhabitants there of a cessation, to which I gave answer, that I found the same inclinations in several of the chief inhabitants of Maryland, but durst not joyn with him in anything of that nature, untill I was assured from under his owne, and M<sup>r</sup> Secret<sup>y</sup> Spencer's hand