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and much employed by Mr Pen had, taken observation at the head of the Bay, which very much dissatisfied the said Haig, and other friends for upon those observations it was then given out by the Quakers, that if the degree of forty did not afford William Pen a Harbor, he would be forct to buy one of Baltemore, or otherwise that their ships must enter and cleer in Maryland. The said Haig in a short time after this came to the Lord Baltemore's House on Pattuxent river, where, amongst other discourse, the Lord Baltemore askt the said Haig whether he had not taken some observations at Elk river for his private satisfaction, which Haig owned; but, with all pretended that the Instrument was soe small, that there could be noe certainty; the Lord Baltmore prest no further but told the said Haig he should be glad that Markham were well, for that he had several reasons to press for a dispatch of the business of the bounds; that the quiet and peace of Maryland very much required it. The fourteenth of May (1682) the Lord Baltemore writt a letter to Capt: Markham, who, he understood, to be well, to signifie that he appointed the tenth of June to meete him with persons to settle the bounds; to which letter the said Markham gave answer, and with assurance, that he would not faile to meete the Lord Baltemore at Mr Augustin Herman's Plantation on Bohemia river, which was the place the Lord Baltemore appointed to meet him; but some disturbance about that time, happening in Virginia, the Lord Baltemore did not think it prudent, nor indeed safe for the Province, to be at any distance from Patomeck river, over which the mutineers in Virginia threatened to come to cutt up the tobaccos in Maryland, as they had don in some Countys of Virginia; The Lord Baltemore therefore sent away Comissioners who were precisely on the tenth of June at Augustin Herman's Plantation, but neither finding Capt: William Markham nor any person else there from him, they immediately writt to him, and sent their letter by an expresse. But to that no answer was given, nor to a second they writt, tho' both (as can be proved) came speedily to the said Markham, who, to be out of the way at that time, pretended business at New York; when the Commissioners had expected some days, and finding noe hopes of seeing Markham, they for the Lord Baltemore's satisfaction made three several observations, in which they differed not above a minute or two. After this they being nere New Castle they had a curiosity to see that town, and being there they were told there was a sloop newly arrived from New York, that had brought the instrument which Captain Markham had sent to Colonel Lewis Morris for: with some difficulty and many entreaties they persuaded the master of the sloop to permitt them the use of it,