

the poor inhabitants at excessive Rates, and by the dishonesty of some dealers many denies such Rights have been twice sworne to and sold to the great abuse of the said condicons of Plantation for the ease therefore of the said Inhabitants, as also to prevent the like abuses for the future I thought good to alter my Fathers Conditions of Plantation and instead of a Right due upon the transportation of a servant, for w<sup>ch</sup> the poor Planter often payd to the Deputy Surveyors and the several Collectors four hundred weight of tobacco and some times more I declared I would accept of one hundred weight of tobacco for every fifty acres hereafter should be taken up w<sup>th</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> the Inhabitants not only the small ones but also the great ones are much better satisfyed; and whereas on the sea board side on the back of Somerset and Dorchester Counties and also at the whore Kills there was many years ago but half Rent sett upon such Lands as should be taken up there so there is but fifty weight of tobacco for every fifty acres that shall be taken up in those parts. This it seems is taken in ill part by M<sup>r</sup> Penn, and for this he accuseth mee of breach of faith, a violater of the amicable treaty, and what else he pleaseth to term mee; when the foregoing Proclamations was only intended to publish the alteration I had made in the Conditions of Plantation and the same Proclamations were drawn from Presidents that heretofore went forth in my fathers Life time who twice had altered his Conditions &c: Now why this should bee such a crime as immediately for my Neighbor Penn to tax mee with a breach of faith and to call mee a disturber of the Peace &c: Neither I nor my Councill can understand the same that now has been done was likewise done in govern<sup>r</sup> Richard Nicholls Coll Francis Lawelas and S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros their times whilst those same parts on Delaware were in the Possession of His Royall Highness the Duke of York besides the whore Hill was taken by mee from the Dutch some years ago and never since in their possession w<sup>ch</sup> will sufficiently be made out: so that I have been ill used by my Neighbor (I conceive) having not by any action of mine deserved to be termed a faithless pson and one not fit to bee treated with.

Thus much certified by  
C Baltemore.

Lord Baltemore to Lord Halifax 8 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1682/3

Most Noble Lord.

Tho I have not the honour to be particularly knowne to your Lordsp give me leave, I beseech you, to offer the enclosed papers for your Lordps peruseale, when your weighty affaires will best allow your Lordps some minutes for the same. Tis the substance of a late Conferrence between M<sup>r</sup> Will Penn and