

the other side, I should not think our hearts and tongues went together.

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Your Lordships  
most obedient and most  
humble & faithful Servant  
W<sup>m</sup> Digges.

Maryland

11<sup>th</sup> June 1685.

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Read the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1685.

Mem<sup>d</sup> On the second of July 1685. the following Letter from his Majesty is delivered for the Lord Baltemore

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Right Trusty and welbeloved, wee greet you well. As wee have with great satisfaction received the ready and dutiful assurances and expressions of loyalty and obedience from our good subjects under your Government since our accession to the Crown, so shall wee at all times extend our royall care and protection to them in the preservation of their Rights And in the defence and security of their persons and estates which wee think fit that you signify unto the Councill and Assembly of that our Colony, As also upon meeting of our Parliament they have for the Repairs of our Navy, and for providing stores for our Navy and Ordnance and other our important Occasions chearfully and unanimously given and granted unto Us an Ayd and assistance to be raised and levyed upon all Tobacco and sugar to be imported into this our Kingdom according to such rates and during such time and in such manner and form as by the Act herewith sent you is more particularly set forth, Which imposition as it is not layd on the Planter or Merchant but only upon the Retaylor, Consumptioner or Shop-Keeper, Wee are well assured will not be burthensome or inconvenient to our subjects under your Government but that on the contrary it will be of great benefit, credit and advantage to them by the enabling us the better to defend and protect the navigation of this Kingdom and the Trade of our Plantations, which cannot but be of great satisfaction and security to the inhabitants of that our Colony.

Wee have likewise thought fit to acquaint you for the information of our subjects under your Government, that the peace and quiet of our Kingdom of Scotland has received some disturbances from the Traiterous practices and rebellion of the late Earl of Argyle by his landing in the West High-Lands with men and arms, but that it has pleased Almighty God to deliver that Traitor and his rebellious followers into our hands, so that upon seizing his Ships and Arms and materials of war