

papists and Indians to destroy the Protestants, is only raised to carry on the designs of some prejudiced persons, whose malice, rancor, and haughty humours will have noe peace with any but their slaves, & vassells, and because we will not comply with their humour, are confined their prisoners, and we are well content soe to be as yett, and are well assured, had we submitted to their pleasure, many more had been prisoners now, but our duty to God, alleigance to the King of England and fidelity to the Lord Baltemore, in reverance to the power he hath from the crown of England, will not admitt us, to submit to any power, but what shall be lawfully descended from the crowne of England, which will ever be gladly and faithfully revered by us; but considering how highly we have been abused by this new taken up power, my wife Barbara Smith is intended to England, now immediately to make her personal petition, and complaint to His sacred Majesty the King of England, how their Majesties' Protestant Subjects are here abused & imprisoned contrary to all laws and justice under pretence of displacing the popish Officers; Our present request to you is that you will be pleased to write to my Lord Bishop of London to acquaint him of the matter, and we humbly pray that he will be aiding and assisting; that the said Barbara Smith may have opportunity to seeke His Majestie's Succour for us, that are now prisoners, although we were alwaies His faithfull loyall Subjects.

Richard Smith, junior
signed thus. Michel Taney.

Votre Grandeur comprend suffisamment l'estat de ces deux prisonniers, et je la prie de m'excuser si je prens la liberté de l'informer de la premiere origine de leur emprisonnement, en vous apprenant le plus succinctement pourtant qu'il me sera possible toutes les particuliers de ce qui s'est passé depuis peu dans cette Province. Le 26. de Juillett dernier nous vismes paroître, ce qu'on croit, et avec vray semblance avoir esté fomenté depuis plusieurs mois je veux dire, un dessein et intention en certaine personnes de s'ellevier contre le Gouvernement estably dans cette Province par my Lord Baltemore, pour s'en emparer eux mesmes; leur premiere tentative (si les conjectures sont veritables) ne reussit pas; et fut avortée par la vigilance et les soins de Coll; Henry Darnall; c'estoit un bruit qu'on fit courir par toute la Province tout d'un coup le 24. de mars dernier que les Indiens du nord, avec ceux de cette Province estoient actuellement sur pied, et en action avec les Papistes pour destruire, et esgorger tous les Protestants de cette Province; ce qui causa un terrible desordre, et confusion dans tout le pais; fausses couches a quelques femmes