

tlemen who lately tooke up armes heere in Maryland in their Majestie's names, (to pull down the lawful authority of the Lord Baltemore heere, which he held under their said Majestys) makes for my confinement in prison along with your husband the which I hope neither you nor any good Christian or morrall honest man or woman which ever had any acquaintance with my Life and conversation will credit, and that you and all persons to whome this shall come may know what I have done whereby they ground their pretence, I therefore heere after wright downe the heads of the whole (viz^t) at the first of my knowing of their taking up armes which was sometime in July 1689. I endeavoured with what arguments I could use to persuade all people but chiefly Col: Jowles (my now chiefe enemy) to lye still and keepe the peace of the Countrey untill their Majestys pleasure should be knowne, for that I looked upon it to be rebellion for persons heere without order from their Majestys to take up armes against the lawful authority which then rested in the Lord Proprietary under their Majestys as I did conceive, which arguments with some I presume prevailed so that they lay still, but not with Col: Jowles. Then afterwards when they besieged Mattapony I went first to the Gentlemen's camp and afterwards to Mattapony & as an instrument of peace soe farr as I could with my weake endeavours Mr Markham being with me persuaded both parties to comply without sheading blood and accordingly they did, at which time Mattapony and the Governours being surrounded & the magazines of armes & ammunition all over the Countrey as soon as possibly they could seized on by those Gentlemen so that they had the strength and command of most of the Countrey in their hands, and all Papists in Generall desisting to act any further in Govern' and Office, but Col: Jowles and the rest of those Gentlemen not content to rest there or not thinking themselves safe in what they had done sending out precepts in their Majestys names requireing the Sherifs of each County to warne the people to meete together and chose delegates and representatives to meete and assemble together under pretence of settling affaires and also a Proclamation that all Officers not being Papists or haveing beenc in actual armes nor any ways declared against their Majestie's service, honour and dignity should continue in their places & alsoe a declaration of their owne agreevances to be publiquely read and Col: Jowles shewing me some of those papers being directed to me as Sheriff of Calvert County I not being willing to execute their Commands endeavoured to excuse myselve saying I lookt upon myselve by the surrender of the Government to be discharged of my Office, whereupon Coll: Jowles tooke some

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