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and as soon as the said Johnson was gone they released him again. The said Code and his Complices then sent out Letters to all the Countys of the Province to choose an Assembly; what was done in the rest of the Countys besides Calvert and Ann Arrundell I am not acquainted with, but when the said Letters for the choosing of Burgesses came to our Sheriff to summon the people for that purpose he refused the same, they then went to M<sup>r</sup> Clegatt Corroner and he also refused (who are both Protestants) whereupon Coll. Jowles rode about to give the people notice himself. When the County were come together most of the House Keepers agreed not to choose any Burgesses, and drew up an abhorrence again<sup>st</sup> such proceedings, the which Election was alsoe much opposed by our Sheriff, whereupon Coll. Jowles gathered his soldiers and caused the Election to be made by the number he had which was not above Twenty and of them not above ten that were capable of Electing. Coll. Jowles himself and Maj<sup>r</sup> Beal his next Officer were returned for two of the Burgesses elected, and because M<sup>r</sup> Taney the Sheriff and my Husband endeavoured to oppose the said Election, the said Code caused them to be put in prison. Neither for this Election nor in their Cause did almost any of our County appear that were men of Estates or men of note, but they to the contrary published an abhorrence against such proceedings and were themselves as are most of our County Protestants. The County of Ann Arrundell which is accounted the most populous and richest of the whole Province, and wherein is but one papist Family unanimously stood out and would not Elect any Burgesses. About the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, the Assembly of their calling mett before whom was brought M<sup>r</sup> Taney our Sheriff and my husband, and Cap<sup>t</sup> Code and his Complices having pretended they had the King's Proclamation for what they did my Husband demanded to see the same, but their Answer was take him away Sheriff M<sup>r</sup> Taney likewise asking them by what authority he was called before them, Code answered, what, this is like King Charles, and you are King Taney, take him away. Notwithstanding upon the said Code's riseing as before is said, their pretence was chiefly to secure the Country against the Indians, yett all this while not until my coming away which was the 26<sup>th</sup> of September last there was not the least appearance of any foreign or Home Indians coming to disturb us. What was there furthur proceedings in their Assembly I am not able to give any Account of but M<sup>r</sup> Taney and my Husband were detained Prisoners at my coming away.

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M<sup>rs</sup> Smith's Narrative of the  
troubles in Maryland.