

Depositions taken against him Especially one by Mr William Hopkins of the same County may appear which being produced & read It was ordered that for answer to the within written petition the pet^r is referred to the foll^o Copy of a Deposition taken by Mr W^m Hopkins as the reason why they have thought fit wholly to reject the same Liber K.

The Deposition of William Hopkins of Ann Arundell County Gent Sworne

Saith that as the Deponent was going to the County Court in September 1689 Thomas Bland asked the Deponent what made him so rebellous against the Lord Baltimore & asked if he had not suffered enough in the Province already for his being so Obstinate agst the Papists & yet for all your Sufferings you will assist in the oversetting of the Gov^t & think to be releived by one as you pretend is now King of England but you are deceived for the Prince of Orange is not King of England nor ever is like to be & this is treason in the highest Degree to act so against the Lord Baltimore & therefore you will Lose both your Life & Livings from your heirs for ever if you desist not from your Rebellion & besides you know if you had at any time any Sute of Law in the Court you could never have Iustice done you because you were always looked upon as the greatest Rebell against the Papists in all Maryland & now you think to be Relieved by this King William (as you call him) for it is not in his power to relieve you for the Lord Baltimore is no ways Subordinate or dependant to the Crown of England but is absolute here of himself in this Prov^s And if King William that Usurped should take by force this Province from my Lord he Could not be King of it but must be but a Proprietor of the same for it was freely given to my Lord for an absolute place of Refuge for the papists & you are all but Intruders into their priveledges & my Lord is not bound by his Charter to maintain the Protestant Religion though you say he is & therefore for your rebellion against the Lord Baltimore you will all be hanged & your King William as you call him neither Can nor hath any power to relieve you in this Province & you know you have suffered enough already in your last Sute in Chancery, & when I Came to Court Captain Hill & this Deponent had some words & Bland said see what Captain Hill says to you before these Gentlemen & yet you will not be quiet & further the Deponent saith not p. 257

William Hopkins

Sworne before me the 15th
day of Iuly Anno Dom 1690

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