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P. R. O. packs with them for that purpose And that the greate men of Maryland had hyred them I am ready to take my oathe of the same here written

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Colonial
Papers. Whereas there has been lately many & great disturbances in this Province particularly in Calvert & Charles County where the people in several Places of these Counties had gathered themselves together in great parties to defend themselves as they were persuaded against a groundless and imaginary plott and designe contrived against them as was rumoured and suspected by the Roman Catholicks inviting the Indians to joyne with them in that detestable and wicked Conspiracy. Wee thought fitt for the better satisfaction of the good people of this Province and that the general peace and quiet thereof may be once again fully and completely settled, to publish and declare under our hand that wee have made an Exact scrutiny and Examinacōn into all circumstances of this pretended design, and have found it to be nothing but a slevellesse fear and imaginacōn fomented by the Artifice of some ill minded persons who are studious and ready to take all occasions of raising a disturbance for their own private and malicious interest and that by all probable conjectures, which shall be also more dilligently searched into wee doe find the original of all these mischiefs to arise from Stafford County in Virginia who have likewise stirred up some more, such like ill minded persons in our Government to continue the same concocōns amongst us and the rather wee are so persuaded and have just cause to believe because that notwithstanding the many and daily rumours of Indians come downe among us and inforted at the head of patussen, and also of another great body of them landed at Mattapany severall another party at Cove poynt on the Clifte another at Choptico and severall more at severall other places of this western side of this Province Wee doe yet find all these reports are notorious false and evil wee can in noe place trace so much as the footing of any Indians nor heare any truth or certainty of any designes they have to disturb or molest the good people or peace of this Country, wherefore wee whose Names are here subscribed have thought convenient to signifie the premisses to the Magistrates officers & other the good people of this Country as having had the full Examinacōn of the whole matter with the hon^{ble} the Dep^{ty} Gov^r & from whom also wee have had as much satisfaction as can be desired of their aversnesse to any such unworthy treacherous practise that soe as many others as shall think fit