

Comissioners of state, and nothings hath appeared nor doth yet
 appeare for the Countermaundinge or Alteringe the acte of re-
 ducement in this Prouince either by his Highnes the Lord Protecto^r
 or Parliament of England, yet sūme p̄sons Formerly by mistructions
 from the Lord Baltamore undertooke to macke an alteration in the
 Gouernment settled in Maryland by the Authority afforesayd; w^{ch}
 Ocassioned the Comission^{rs} of the Comonwealth of England the
 second time to appeare for the setlinge thearof in the obedience of the
 sayd Comonwealth and in speciall expression to his Highnes the
 Lord Protecto^r by a Comission graunted to Capt[~] W^m Fuller, m^r
 Ritchard Preston and others in the sayd Comission nominated, For
 the orderinge Directinge and Gouerninge the people and Affayres
 of Maryland which hath Continued in Peace untill this time Now
 againe uppon what ground or p^tence wee know not the sayd power
 is Contradicted the Acts of a lawfull and Full Assembly violated
 the records tacken away by force the peace of the Prouince disturbed
 the Administration of Justice obstructed and hindred the hearts and
 minds of the people distracted and amased; yet no power Comission
 or graunt From his Highnes the Lord Protecto^r is shewen or
 published Therefore in obedience to his Highnes the Lord Protecto^r
 who by his Proclamation hath Confirmed the magistracy Established
 by the Parlam^t And Cuncell of state, untill his Highnes shall
 signifie his pleasure to the Contrary Wee doe by these p^rsents publish
 declare & p̄claime to all the free subiects of England Inhabitants of
 the Prouince of Maryland That the Continue in that Ingagement
 which they haue tacken in that Reducement which they haue owned
 and Acknowledgd by their Representatiues in a lawfull orderly and
 full Assembly of the Prouince untill an expresse power and Comission
 from his Highnes is Published to the Contrary

Which wee doe by this our Acte and declaration publish to all for
 the discharge of o^r Contience to the Supreame Glorious Maiesty of
 Heauen the Lord of Hosts Himselfe, the Trust Committed to us, the
 Hono^r of his Highnes the Lord Protecto^r the peace and wellfare
 of the Prouince and the Satisfaction of all the true subiects of
 England that are in this Prouince Soe God help us as wee speacke,
 and intend Really what wee declare

Will: Fuller
 William Durand
 Leo: Strong
 Ri: Ewen

At a Cou^t houlden for Kent this 25th of Aprill 1655 at the house of [fol. 99]
 Leiuetenant Hinson high sheriffe for th^e Countie

p ^r sents	{	Capt [~] Jos: Weickes	}	m ^r W ^m Eliot
		m ^r Phillipe Conier		m ^r Hen Carline
		m ^r Tho: Ringold		