

with which they were on reflection wholly dissatisfied, they began to apprehend their annihilation as a people, and listened the more readily to the inflammatory suggestions of the enemies of the Colony. A War, in consequence, ensued in 1642, which lasted some years, and, without having produced any thing in the nature of a conquest, was ended by the submission of the Indians, and a promise of future amity. A peace being thus concluded, Laws were made to prevent the renewal of causes of dispute. Acquisitions of Land, whether by purchase or gift, from the Indians without the consent of the Proprietary, were, both as infringing his right and committing the safety of the Colony, deemed illegal and void: It was made felony, and punishable by death, to sell or transport any friendly Indian, and at the same time declared highly penal to furnish those people with arms or ammunition. These, with other measures of a moderate and prudent cast, rendered the peace now concluded more permanent than from the temper of the Indians and the continued ill offices of Lord Baltimore's opponents and enemies might have been expected.

In a (*f*) work treating expressly of original titles to Land it has been thought not amiss to explain, so far as the preceding recital has done it, the manner in which an individual obtaining from his Sovereign an exclusive licence, with his own means, to lead out and plant a Colony in a region of which that Sovereign had no possession, proceeded to avail himself of the privilege or grant, and to reconcile or subject to his views the people occupying and claiming by natural right the Country so bestowed: but it is not intended to pursue the history of the various disputes, wars, conventions, and other transactions that arose between the Indians and the Proprietary Government concerning the more extended acquisitions which the latter from time to time found necessary to it's purposes, further than may relate to certain remnants of particular tribes who have to the present day continued to hold and occupy Lands on the Eastern Shore, under the guarantee and protection of the Government of Maryland. I must observe however that all accounts agree in ascribing to Lord Baltimore and his agents a conduct remarkably discreet, firm, and candid, in their dealings with the aborigines. In particular, an history, already referred to, of the American settlements, written in 1671, after speaking of the acquisition of St. Mary's continues "and it hath been

(*f*) I shall have frequent occasion to refer to the present undertaking by some kind of appellation: it is necessary therefore to state, once for all, that I do not by any means mean to claim for it the character usually attached to the term here employed. The book is properly speaking a *compilation*. The other name is used only as the most convenient.