

Whereas Captain William Keyborne heretofore of the Isle of Kent within this Province of Maryland and now of the Colony of Virginia for his frequent Attempts practiced and Enterprised in opposition of his Lordships undoubted Right and Dominion in and over this Province hath heretofore Carried himself in a every Rebellious manner against his Lordship and the Government Established here under him and still Remaynes Exempt from pardon in that respect And whereas also upon a full hearing on both sides by referrence from his late Majesty before the Lords of the Council in England the fourth of Aprill one thousand six hundred thirty eight the said Keyborne pretended claymes to the said Isle of Kent and some other part of his Lordships Provinces and trade with the Indians was Rejected and his Lordships undoubted Right and title therunto according to his patent was Confirmed And whereas likewise by Proclamation made and published in Virginia the fourth of October one thousand six hundred thirty eight by Authority of the then Governour there with the advice and consent of the Council of State in relation to and in pursuance of the said order of the Lords of the Council All and every the Inhabitants of that Colony were expressly prohibited to use or Exercise any Trade or Commerce with any Indians within the bounds of this his Lordships Provinces without speciall License from his Lordship for that purpose upon the penalty and forfeiture therein expressed as by the said order of the Lords of the Council and Proclamation both Remaining upon Record with the Secretary of this Province more at large it doth and may appere And whereas further the said Captain Keyborne hath of late by his Letters to the Present Governour of this Province presumed in an upbraiding Insolent threatening manner to renew his former pretended claymes here in opposition of his Lordships Right and Dominion and (as it Credibly Reported) given out in speeches that he purposeth ere long to make some attempt upon the Isle of Kent against the peace and safety of this Province For prevention whereof therefore and the better to retrayne and keep all and every the Inhabitants of this Province in their due Obedience to his Lordship and the Government established here under him Bee it Enacted by the Lord Proprietary with the advice and consent of the upper and lower house of this Assembly that what person or persons soever now Inhabiting or which shall from tyme to tyme hereafter Inhabit or be Resident upon the said Isle of Kent or any other place within this Province that shall hereafter presume Contrary to his or their fidelity or Obedience to his said Lordship and his heirs Lords and Proprietarys of this Province and the Government here established under him in any sort to assist abett or Countenance the said Keyborne or any of his Complices or Adherents in any Attempt practiced or Enterprised whatsoever upon or against the said Island of Kent or any other place within this Province or any thing thereunto Belonging in opposition of his Lordships and his heirs Lords and Proprietarys of this Province his and their undoubted Right and Dominion in and over the same upon proof thereof by two sufficient witnesses shall be punished by death and Confiscation of all his and their lands goods debts and all within this Province to the use of his Lordship and his heirs Lords and

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