

Written and signed by our own Hands in the Province of Maryland
in Chesapeake Bay at Saint Martins County and delivered this 6th Day of October
Ann. Domini 1659 in Patent.

Augustine Herman
Resolved Waldron

Which Declaration being read by the said Augustine Herman
and delivered to the Governour he with the said Council Resolved that the
Business be forthwith taken into Debate and that they would have ready an
answer by Saturday the 8th Instant by five of the Clock in the afternoon and
adjourned till next morning.

At a Council held at Patent. October the 7th 1659.

Present } The Governour } Luke Barber }
 } Secretary } Coll: Nath: Ulter }
 } Capl: Will^m: Stone } Baker Brooke }
 } M^r: Tho: Gerrard } Edw: Hooper }

The Council took the Declaration of the Dutch Ambassa-
dours into Consideration and after long debate considering his Lordships
instructions and order were only to give the Dutch Warning to be gone that
when we are able to Beat them out they may not plead ignorance. Resolved
that an answer be given in Writing by way of Letter directed to the Generalls
of the Netherlands in these words

Honble Lords

We have Received your Letters of Credence by
the Hands of Sr Augustine Herman and Resolved Waldron your
Ambassadors wherein as we find many Expressions of Love and Unity so we
Account our selves obliged to Return you real Thanks in unfolding the
Causes of that which it seems hath been the Reason of your astonishment
and Wonder and as the matter shall permit to give you that Satisfaction which
with reason you can Expect and which we likewise shall Exact from you in
the Rendering to us as Substitutes of the right Honble Cecilius Lord Baron
of Baltimore Lord and Proprietary of this Province that Part of his
Lordships Province lying in Delaware Bay to us Entrusted and by you as
it seems injuriously Seated in prejudice to his said Lordships Right
and Title.

For answer therefore unto your demands by your
Agents made. We say that Coll: Nathaniel Ulter was by us in pursuance of
a Command from the right Honble the Lord Proprietary ordered to make
repair to a certain People seated upon Delaware Bay within the 40th Degree
of Northern Latitude from the Equinoctial Line to let them know that they
were residing within our Jurisdiction without our knowledge much more
without our Licence without Grant of Land from or Oath of Fidelity to his
(Lordship)