

By the King of Maryland
in Parliament

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Whereas at a General provincial
Court holden at Saint Marys the 25th day of November
1652 upon the motion of Thomas Comwells Esq^r
Mr William Elmhurst and others desiring some
course might be taken for the getting up and killing
the wild Cattle the Court ^{then} conceiving it to be a Business
of General concernment and wherein the Said Proprietary
might likewise be interested referred the Bu-
siness till the next General Assembly as most proper
then to be settled and determined and whereas James
Given to understand by Mr Thomas Hatton his Lord
ships Attorney General and others that notwithstanding
the said Order of Reference (as it is very credibly
Reported) Mark theppes Nicholas Keeling Weston
Kitch and others have of late in a bold contemptuous
and unarrantable manner gotten up killed or dis-
posed of to their own use or otherwise a great number of
wild unbranded and other Cattle to his Soutshys Great
Wrong and abuse and Contempt of the Government
here settled under him for which the said Attorney gen-
erals in convenient time to call them to a strict Acco^t
but for the better prevention of the like insolencies for
the future and to put ^{speedy} stop to the said contemptuous
and unarrantable proceedings these are in the names
of the Keepers of the Liberties of England by authority
of Parliament and as Governor then under the Right
Honourable the Lord Baltimore Lord Proprietary
of the Province strictly to charge and Command