

Obedienc^e of the

in the Bay of Chesapeake to the Commonwealth of Virginia
 and by the said Ordinance of Proclamations may
 and doth appear and whereas the aforesaid Captain W^m
 Stone by special Order from the said Lord Baltimore (as
 it appears) was persuaded and induced to go away
 from his Obligation and the trust imposed in him by issuing
 forth Writts and all other process in the name of the said
 Proprietary of this Province placing as did placing those
 of the Council & imposing an oath upon the Inhabitants
 Contrary to and inconsistent with their engagement &
 Oath to the Commonwealth of England upon the penalty
 and forfeiture of the Lands of all such as should refuse
 to take the same within three months after publication
 thereof which were then to be entered upon for his Lordships
 use thereby Occasioning great discontent and disturbance
 among the Inhabitants besides their irregularity and Caudery
 of the said proceedings and the Opposition and Rebellion
 thereon to the Commonwealth of England and his high-
 ness the Lord protector and further whereas by a late Pro-
 clamacion dated the 4th of this month published in the said
 Province both the Commissioners and the people who ad-
 hered to their engagement to the Commonwealth of England
 and refused to own or acknowledge any other name, ^{or Authority} as
 to Government or to take any other oath but what they had
 already taken to that power) were charged that they drive
 away the people and lett them into faction sedition and Re-
 bellion against the Lord Baltimore whereby not only the
 Lands houses and plantations of many hundreds of Peo-
 ple but also their estates and Lives were liable to be taken
 away at the pleasure of the aforesaid Lord Baltimore &
 his Officers by all which unjust and unreasonable pro-
 ceedings the people were put upon a necessity of standing