

upon their own defence for the vindication of their just rights and liberties and freeing themselves from those great oppressions whereby the whole Province was very much terrified and apparently endangered for the prevention whereof as also for the relief of those that were so deeply distressed and for the settlement of the Province in peace and in their due Obedience under his highness the said Commissioners by Authority deriv'd to them from his Highness the Lord Protector applied themselves to Capt^e William Stone the Governor and the Council of Maryland according to a declaration of the 15th of this month therewith published who returning only opprobrious and uncivil language presently mustered his whole flower of men and soldiers in Arms intending to surprize the said Commissioners and (as could be imagined) to destroy all those that have refused the said unlawful Oath and only kept themselves in their due Obedience to the Commonwealth of England under which they were reduced and sold by the said fundamental Authority and Commission then the said Commissioners in quiet and peaceable manner with some of the people of Flatusent and Severn went over the River of Flatusent and there at length receiv'd a message from the said Captain Stone that the next day he would meet and treat in the woods and thereupon being in some fear of a party to come from Virginia he condescended to lay down his flower lately furnish'd from the Lord Baltimore and to submit (as he had once before done) to such Government as the Commissioners should appoint ^{his Highness} under the Lord Protector

It is therefore Ordain'd and declared by the aforesaid Commissioners that for the Conservation of the peace and publick Administration of Justice within the aforesaid Province of Maryland Captain William Fuller M^r