

By the Governor and Captain General of Virginia with the advice and consent of the Council of State

A Proclamation

Whereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty was pleased by his Letters Patents to grant unto the right Honourable the Lord Baltimore a territory or tract of Land therein nominated and now known by the name of the Province of Maryland with divers Privileges and immunities thereunto belonging as in and by the said Letters Patents more at large you shall see Notwithstanding which said Royal Grant and publication thereof in this Colony divers persons ill affected to the Government established by his Majesty both here and in the said Province have by pretence of a former Commission fictitiously combined to disturb the said Lord Baltimore in the possession of part of his said territory as also to infringe the Privilege of Trade in express terms solely granted to the said Lord Baltimore within the said Province and after many violent and disorderly Courses the said Pretenders have so far proceeded as to Petition his Majesty that part of the said Province now known by the name of the Island of Kent and Palmer's Island with the Trades thereof might be confirmed to them the Consideration of which their said Petition his Majesty was pleased to refer to the most Reverend and right Honourable the Arch Bishop of Canterbury the Lord Keeper the Lord Privy Seal and any others the Commissioners for Plantations who should be near at hand and whom their Lordships were pleased to call Whereupon their Lordships meeting after a full hearing of both sides the said Pretenders Commissions being likewise read their Lordships did declare the right and Title to the Isle of Kent and other places in question to be Absolutely