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The Declaration commonly called y^e Test.
Charles read and published his
Lords's writ of Prorogation before the
Members of the Upper and Lower House of
~~Assembly~~ now present in the Towne follow-
ing Viz —

W^h Charles absolute Lord and
Proprietarie of y^e Provinces of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore
To the Members of Our Privy Council
and House of Delegates for this Our pro-
vince of Maryland greeting —
Whereas Our certain writs of Election
I. med. and. sub. into the several Sheriffs
of Our s^d. Provinces bearing date the
sixteenth day of February last past
thereby empowering them to call together
three or more Commissioners of y^e res-
pective Counties or shires as to be of y^e
Quorum with their Clerks to sit as a Court,
and during their sitting, by vertue of
their Offices, make and cause to be
made a publick proclamation, thereby
giving Notice to all y^e free Men of their
said Counties, and shires by Law to
appear at a certain day and place
to be appointed for y^e Election and