

settled unless it be from the Supreme Authority of the Commonwealth of England exercised by his Highness the Lord Protector immediately and directly granted for that purpose that after Publication of this Act all the Inhabitants of this Province are required to declare in particular and express terms under their hands their owning and Accepting of the present Government and Submission thereunto that all such Person or Persons as deny the present Government or do either in word or deed Vilify or Scandalize the same or by Actions secret or open disquiet Oppose disturb the said Government shall be Accounted Offenders against the Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England the Peace and welfare of this Part and be dealt with according to their Offence

That no Commission or Power shall be owned or Received in this Province other than that which is already settled therein but that which is the Supreme Authority of the Commonwealth of England shall immediately and directly Grant and Confirm and who so ever shall publish any Commission Proclamation Order or declaration writ or summons which is not from the Supreme Authority so granted as aforesaid shall be Accounted an Offender against the publick peace and welfare of this Province and dealt with accordingly

Whereas Mr Thomas Heaton and Mr Job Chandler being Chosen Burgesses for the County of Saint Mary and Potomack River so returned by the Sheriff have appeared and declared before the Assembly that they refuse to sit and act as Burgesses in respect they the said Tho<sup>s</sup> Heaton and Job Chandler have taken Oath to the Lord Baltimore and for other reasons expressed in a writing