

Baltimore.

Cacilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of  
 the Province of Maryland, and Avalon, Lord Baron  
 of Baltimore &c. To our Right Trusty and Wellbelov'd  
 William Stone Esquire our Lieutenant and of our  
 said Province of Maryland, And to our Right Trusty  
 and Wellbelov'd the Honourable House of our  
 Generall Assembly thereof, And to All other the  
 Inhabitants of our said Province greeting whereas  
 Wee understand that Thomas Green Esquire,  
 formerly appointed by us to be one of our  
 Council of State thereof being in September last  
 deputed by you the said William Stone to be in  
 your absence our Lieutenant of the said Province  
 did not take the Oath without any Exception to  
 whatsoever, (as hee ought to have done which was  
 appointed by us to be taken by all Persons that  
 should be deputed in that Office, before they or any  
 of them, should have any power, or authority to do  
 any thing in execution thereof. And that our Sec-  
 retary the said Thomas Hatton seeing the said Green  
 intended and resolved to do the less contrary to our  
 said Secretarys advice to let stand things as our  
 Lieutenant thereof which might with good  
 reason, produce themselves unto him the said Green  
 at a meeting of the Rest of our Council another  
 deputation of himselfe from you the said William  
 Stone, for the said Office of Lieutenant which you  
 had prudently left with him to be made use of upon  
 any such occasion, upon the production whereof  
 the former deputation to the said Green became  
 void. But the said Green notwithstanding, did  
 not only afterwards proceede to the Execution  
 of the said Oath and things, as our Lieutenant,  
 also (as we are credibly inform'd) did insolently  
 swear, That although we should send direct  
 to the contrary hee would do the same, which  
 hee showed a very great Neglect, and flighting  
 of us and our authority thereof, which was his  
 reason to refuse the more from him, because  
 hee was one of the first Adventurers under  
 that Plantation and hath often profess'd  
 himselfe a faithfull friend to us, But by this  
 Action as also by some other proceedings of his  
 in the Assembly thereof hold at St. Johns in the  
 Dominion one thousand Six hundred forty seven  
 (when hee professed his own ends of service  
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