

A Declaration

By the Lord Proprietary of Maryland

Baltimore

Whereas that perfidious and prejudiced fellow
 Bondall whom we lately intrusted to be our
 Lieutenant of Maryland to take his further care and au-
 thority designed and contrary to his said and trusts to
 invite the people there to joyn with him in raising a
 Sedition and faction against our Jurisdiction and right
 of Government there made a sinister use as we are
 credibly informed of a passage of our letter to him of the
 seventeenth November One thousand Six hundred fifty
 Nine for procuring an Act of Assembly in Maryland
 for a Customs of two shillings for every hogs head of tob-
 acco exported from thence to any Port of Great Bri-
 tain or Ireland and of ten shillings for every hogs head
 exported to any other Port. And possessed the people there
 with apprehensions, as if he had ordered from us, which
 he never had that in case such a Law did not pass
 putt in present Execution the Act for Customs made
 January One thousand Six hundred forty Six for
 payment of ten shillings of the for all tobacco exported
 out of that Province (but thought fit first by to order
 to them what our Proceedings had truly been and
 what our Intentions and desires are in that matter
 (viz) regarding of some Complaints against that Act
 for Customs made in the year 1646, as if it had been
 enforced by force or fear from the Assembly there
 which we verily believe we are satisfied by some of the living
 that were then present, it was not, and that it would
 be too burdensome to the people there and a great
 discouragement to Trade if that Law should in that