

Enemy to suppress the Protestants in those parts, or perhaps grow strong enough to do it of themselves, or that in time (having the Government of that Province of *Maryland* in their hands) they may and will shake off any dependance on the Crowne of *England*.

The English Colonies in *New-England* are at least 500 miles, and that of *Virginia* 100 miles distant from *Maryland*, and it will be a long time before Planters can be at leisure to think of any such designe, and there is little cause to doubt, that any people, as long as they may live peaceably under their owne Government, without oppression either in Spiritualls or Temporalls, will desire to bring in any Forraigners to domineere over them, which misery they would undoubtedly fall into. If any considerable Forraigne Prince or State (who are only in this case to be feared) had the possession of the English Collonies in *Virginia* or *New-England*, But the number of English Protestants already in *Virginia* and *New-England*, together with the poverty of those parts, makes it very improbable that any Forraigne Prince or State will bee tempted to undergoe the charge and hazard of such a remote designe, it being well knowne that the Spanish Colonies in the West Indies are farther distant then Europe is from thence; If any danger were to be suspected, in that way, from the said Recufants, the like suspition of bringing in a Forraigne Enemy into England, may (as indeed it hath often beene) be had of them, while they are here, for the difference of scituation may ballance the difference of the power, betweene this Kingdome and those parts, for the accomplishing of such a designe, and certainly (of the two) it were much better to  
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