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The Lord *Baltamores* printed Case, uncased,  
and answered.



**I**N the year 1607. divers preceding discoveries having confirmed an Opinion, That the Country of *Virginia* was fit for Plantation; It pleased God to affect the mindes of very many worthily disposed Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others to conceive it as a matter of great Religion and Honour, to undertake the work of perfecting a Christian Plantation in those parts. Whereupon King *James* was pleased to become the first Founder of this noble work, and by his Letters Patents from time to time renewed and enlarged, granted all ample Priviledges and Immunities, both to those that managed in *England*, & those that went to inhabit there: which gave so great an encouragement, that fifty Earls and Barons, three hundred and fifty Knights, and six hundred Gentlemen, and Merchants of primest rank, became incorporated, and were originally named in the Letters Patents by the name of the Company of *Virginia*,