

tormented it, and seized all Vessels, and displanted their Plantations. And those Swedes and Dutch do trade for great quantities of Guns, Powder and Shot with our Indians, to the total endangering this Colony, if not timely prevented. Such a ground-Work, had the Patent of *Maryland* upon the Rights and Labours of others; and as unreasonable and unjust have been the whole proceedings and management of their Colony and Interests, at their first arrival surprising and confiscating many Vessels with the Goods of divers that they found trading with the Natives under the commissions of *Virginia*, which they had enjoyed near thirty years. And professing an establishment of the Romish Religion onely, they suppressed the poor Protestants among them, and carried on the whole frame of their Government in the Lord Proprietaries name; all their Proceedings, Judicature, Tryals and Warrants, in his name, Power and Dignity, and from him onely: not the least mention of the Sovereign Authority of *England* in all their Government; to that purpose, forceably imposing Oaths, (judged illegal in a Report made by a Committee of the Council of State, 1652.) to maintain his royal Jurisdictions, Prerogatives, and Dominions, as absolute Lord and Proprietary, to protect chiefly the Roman Catholick Religion in the free exercise thereof; and all done by yeerly Instructions from him out of *England*, as if he had been absolute Prince and King. By all which it is easily evident, that the Patent of *Maryland* was grounded upon no good foundation.

The King being mis-informed; when in nothing more deeply and directly, could the Honour and Justice of his Throne be concerned, then in confirming and conserving the Interest of so great a conjuncture of Nobles, Knights, Gentlemen and Merchants, who so piously and worthyly adventured their Moneys, and expended their Estates and Labours; whose Rights and Interests, though their Patent were called in, for the time, in point of Government, yet had received the most solemn Declarations and Assurances, under the Broad Seal and Privy Signet, Orders of Councils, Letters to the Colony, and by general Proclamations there and here.

That it were impious to think that either the then King or
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