

herewith published, appears. This is surely incompatible to the English Nation, that there should be any such principality erected over them, whereas the books of Law teach us, that all Writs, Executions, and Commands ought to be done in the name of the Supreme Authority onely, and is so appointed by the late Platform of Government, for all the Dominions of the Commonwealth, of which this is a part; and by a late Ordinance declaring Treason upon such penalty, that none ought to exercise any power, but in the Lord Protector's name; and these men acting so wilfully, cannot excuse themselves. By the ancient English Laws, all those Pleas that concern Life, and Member, and Pardons, cannot be done in the name of any inferior Person; and all Writs, Indictments, and Process as heretofore, so must now only be in the name of the Lord Protector, and not in the name of the Lord *Baltimore's*, as he hath assumed in *Maryland*. And whereas the Lord *Baltimore* pretends to the like priviledges as in the County-Palatine of *Duresme*, even those priviledges of *Duresme*, and all the other County-Palatines of England, were, and are taken away as dishonorable, and incongruent to the English Nation, by the Statute of the 27 *Hen. 8.* 25. With what strange confidence then doth the Lord *Baltimore* publish to the world, That these Royalties and Priviledges are warranted by his Patent, when as they are contrary to Law, and to the Government now established under his Highness, and to a Clause in his Patent, wherein it is provided, That no Construction be made thereof, whereby the Government in the Commonwealth of England should suffer any prejudice or diminution.

Whereby it appears there was as good Cause to reduce *Maryland* as *Virginia*; the People, and General Assembly thereof also complaining of their Grievance, among many other exorbitant Usurpations of Lord *Baltimore* over them, as appears by their Complaint in Governor *Green's* time, made and Recorded there by a Committee of that Assembly: But 'tis known that Governor *Green* was deposed by Lord *Baltimore*, for suffering that