

with their subjection to the Commonwealth of *England*, and in-
congruous to swear to serve two absolute Superiors, whereupon
Captain *Stone* and his Counsel proclaim them seditious, and re-
bels to Lord *Baltamore*, and forget not to include the two Com-
missioners, though in *Virginia* under the same name, with other
opprobrious terms: whereupon the people of *Patuxent*, *Severn*,
and *Kent* often and earnestly apply themselves if possible to have
relief from those Commissioners, yet they still desirously forbore to
intermeddle, hoping it would be done out of *England*, until af-
ter many solicitations Mr. *Bennet* and Captain *Claiborn* with
onely two men in *July* last went thither in a Boat, yet using all
fair means: but how ill they were treated for their moderation,
and intended to be surpris'd by night, and made Prisoners, and
how they were necessitated to prevent greater mischief & the pre-
sent ruine of hundreds of Families to interpose to have that Oath
suspended, and the Government managed in the Lord Protector's
name; (which being denied to avoid bloodshed, they re-assumed
the Government out of those hands that so ill-managed it, and
placed it in others for the time being under his Highness the Lord
Protector, until he should please to signify his further pleasure)
will appear in a Declaration then and herewith published, toge-
ther with the peoples Petition, the Commissioners answer thereun-
to, and an Order for setting the Government in the hands of
Captain *William Fuller*, and others.

The Lord *Baltamore* also since gives particular Commission
and Command to seize the persons of those Commissioners, un-
der his Hand and Seal, dated in *November* last; and for their
service to the Lord Protector to proceed against them as abet-
tors in mutiny and sedition; chides, and upraid Captain *Stone*
for cowardise, provokes him to fighting and bloodshed, (a course
too often acted in *Maryland*) appoints another Governor in case
he decline it, and yet sends no revocation of the Commissioners
reducement, though he acknowledges he fought it earnestly of
the Lord Protector but could not obtain it; yet to blinde and
delude Captain *Stone* and his Counsel, there came over a Letter
of Recommendation from his Highness of one Captain *Barbar*,
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