

that see them. The place, as himself confesses, had been deserted, if not peopled from *Virginia*. He might with more reason scruple to supplant the Rights of the most considerable conjuncture of worthy men that ever undertook such an Adventure, as Plantation out of *England*; which hath been the beginner and parent of all the rest.

The late King *James* revoked the *Virginia*-Companies Patent, for denying him to alter the Government, for which he had fundamentally provided to give Instructions from time to time, and was the same, which the last King did by his Commission to Sir *William Davenant*, of which the Lord *Baltimore* speaks so much, and makes such inferences as serve his own ends. But the Truth is, all that can rightly and properly be collected from thence is onely this, (his right to the Soil being in expresse words reserved) if the King might dispose of the Government of *Maryland*, why not the Parliament, as they have done; and why not the Lord Protector as he also hath done? Another of those Fundamentals was, That no Papists should be tolerated to remain in *Virginia*, but sent away if they would not take the Oath of Allegiance, and was so practised: this the old Lord *Baltimore* refusing, stayed not in *Virginia*; and, *Hinc illa lachryma*, to all those that were of the Council, who with their wives and children have not suffered a little for it; of which onely Colonel *Matthews* and Colonel *Claiborn* remain alive. His Son this Lord *Baltimore* now publishes himself a Recusant, and avers contrarily, that the Laws against Papists and Recusants extend not thither; yet his Patent says, No interpretation shall be admitted thereof, by which God's holy and truly Christian Religion, or the allegiance due to the Successors of the State of *England*, should suffer any prejudice or diminution.

By all which surely it's most evident, This County Palatine aimed and covered by him, appears disagreeable to Law and to his own Patent: and as a Monster unlike the rest of the Dominions of the Commonwealth of *England*, & contrary to the late Plat-