

to rescue the said Vessel ) were killed by the *Maslander* in that attempt in *Potomack* River. That the goods of *M. Harman*, and others were all seized by the *Lord Baltimore's* Agents, and at length after three yeares suffering, *Captaine Claiborn* was forcibly dispossessed of his plantation in *Kentish Island*; and forced for safety of his life to fly into *England*, and ever since the *L : B.* hath had possession of the said Island, not suffering any of the *Virginians* to trade in the said Bay without seizure, and confiscation of their Goods.

It likewise appears unto this Committee upon perusal of the several parchments mentioned in the Order of Parliament, that the *L : B.* hath constituted forms of Oaths, and enjoined the taking thereof by all persons as well Officers, as others within the said province, and that not to the King, but to himself, and that he hath issued out Writs in his own name, all his Commissions and procelle running in this stile (*viz.*) we, us, and given under our hand, and greater seal of arms in such a year of our Dominions over the said Province That he hath likewise appointed an upper & lower house of Assembly, and also a privie counsel of State, which is not mentioned in the said patent. And we further find that several of the Laws made by the said *Lord Baltimore* are not agreeable to the Laws, Statutes, and customes of *England*, as for instance.

That the Lands sold by the said *Lord Baltimore* are directed to be purchased, and held of him, and his Heirs only in soccage as of the Mannor &c.

That the Oaths hereafter mentioned must be taken by all that shall bear Office, or shall inhabite, or come into the said province upon pain of being banished, and if they return, and refuse, to be subject to such Fine as his Lordship shall think fit.