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thought fit for to make publication hereof, and to justifie and manifest our proceedings in these Affairs, lest many people may be ensured by salse and cumning suggestions and pretences, as lately hath been practised herein, the salsitie whereof time hath sufficiently demonstrated; And we are ready to give surther satisfaction for the truth of any of the particulars before alleaged, if any shall desire it, or repair to us to that purpose, which

they may securely do.

Wherefore we advise, and in the Name of his Highness the Lord Protector, Require all the Inhabitants of this Province, to take notice of the Premises, and to contain, and keep themselves in their due obedience under his Highness the Lord Protector of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the Dominions thereto belonging, of which, this is undoubtedly a part, and ought to be Governed accordingly; whereby they may assure themselves of the peaceable enjoyment of their Liberties, profession of their Religion, and their Estates, and that they shall be protected from wrong and violence in what kind soever.

Hereby also Protesting against the said Captain William Stone, Mr. Thomas Hatton, and all others any way Confederate, or Assistant with them in their unlawful practises, that they may be accomptable, and answerable to God and the State of England under his Highness the Lord Protector, for all the mischiefs, damages, losses, and disorders that may, or shall happen

thereby.

Dated at Patuxent in Maryland the 15. of July, 1654. Richard Bennet. Will. Claiborne.