



Captain *William Stone's*  
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**V** Hereas since the Orders or Directions of the Commissioners of the State of *England* for the Government of this Province of *Maryland*, of the 28. of *June*, 1652. I *William Stone* Esquire, Governor of the said Province, was Enjoyed by the Direction, and Appointment of the Right Honorable, the Lord *Baltamore*, Lord Proprietary of the said Province, to issue out all Writs, and Proceſs, within this Province, in his the said Lord Proprietaries name, and to admit of those of the Council which were appointed by his Lordship, and no other: And whereas upon my Compliance with his Lordships Commands therein, not any wayes contradictory, so far as I understand, to any Command from the Supream Authority in *England*; the said Commissioners, in pursuance of their Declarations lately here published, have threatned, and gone about by force of Arms to compel me to decline his, the said Lord Proprietaries, Directions and Commands before mentioned; which in regard of the  
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