

induced to go away from his Obligation and the Trust reposed in him, By issuing forth Writs, and all other Proceſs in the Name of the Lord Proprietary of this Province, placing and displacing thoſe of the Council, and imposing an Oath upon the Inhabitants, contrary unto, and inconſiſtent with the ſaid Engagement and Oath to the Common-wealth of *England*, upon the Penalty and Forfeiture of the Lands of all ſuch as ſhould Refuſe to take the ſame within three Months after publication thereof, which were then to be Entred upon, and Seized to his Lordſhips uſe; thereby occaſioning great diſcontent and diſturbance among the Inhabitants, beſides the Irregularity and Cruelty of the ſaid proceedings, and the Oppoſition, Contempt, and Rebellion therein to the Common-wealth of *England*, and his Highneſs the Lord Protector. And further, whereas by a late Proclamation, dated the 4th. of this Month, published in this Province, both the Commiſſioners of State, and the people who adhered to their Engagment to the Common-wealth of *England*, and refuſed to own, or acknowledge any other Name or Authority, as to Government, or to take any other Oath but what they had already taken to that power, were charged, That they drew away the people, and led them into Faction, Sedition, and Rebellion againſt the Lord *Baltimore*; whereby not only the Lands and Plantations of many hundreds of people, but alſo their Eſtates and Lives were liable to be taken away at the pleaſure of the aforeſaid Lord *Baltimore* and his Officers: By all which unjuſt and unreaſonable proceedings, the people were put upon a neceſſity of ſtanding upon their own defence, for the Vindication of their juſt Rights and Liberties, and freeing themſelves from thoſe great Oppreſſions, whereby the whole Province was very much threatned, and apparently endangered. For the prevention whereof, as alſo for the Relief of thoſe who were ſo deeply diſtreſſed, and for the Settlement of the Province in peace, and in their due Obedience under his Highneſs, The ſaid Commiſſioners by Authority derived unto them from his Highneſs the Lord Protector, applyed themſelves unto Captain *William Stone* the Governour,