

tating him Governor of the said Province, alleadging therein the reasons to be, because the Lord *Baltimore* did visibly adhere to the Rebels in *England* (as he terms them in that Commission) and admitted all kind of Sectaries and Schismatics, and ill affected persons into that Plantation.

These people feared themselves at a place by them called *Providence*, but by an Act of a Generall Assembly there called *Anne-Arundell* in *Maryland*, and there was nothing promised by my Lord or Capt. *Stone* to them, but what was performed, they were first acquainted by Capt. *Stone*, before they came there, with that Oath of Fidelity which was to be taken by those who would have any Land there from his Lordship, and the Oath which was required of them to take before they could have any Patent for Land there, was ratified by an Act of a Generall Ass mibly of that Province, wherein those very men had their Burgesses, there being an expresse Clause in it, That it should not bee understood to infringe or prejudice Liberty of Conscience in point of Religion, as will appear by the Oath it selfe, nor had they any regret to the Oath till they were as much refreshed with their intertainment there, as the Snake in the Fable was with the Country-mans breast, for which some of them are equally thankfull.

But it is now, it seems, thought by some of those people too much below them to take an Oath to the Lord Proprietary of that Province, though many Protestants of much better quality, have taken it, and (which is more then can be hoped for from some of these men) kept it.

As to the Government there, they knew it very well before they came thither, and if they had not liked it they might have forborne coming or staying there, for they
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