

were never forced to either, the chiefe Officers under my Lord there are Protestants, the Jurisdiction exercised there by them is no other then what is warranted by his Lordships Patent of that Province, which gives him the power and priviledges of a Count Palatine there, depending on the Supream Authority of *England*, with power to make Lawes with the Peoples consent, and of Martiall Law in cases of Mutiny, Rebellion, or Sediton, without which powers and priviledges his Lordship would not have undertaken that Plantation, and have beene at so great a charge, and run so many hazards as he hath done for it.

There are none there sworn to uphold Antichrist, as *Mr. Strong* falsely suggests, nor doeth the Oath of Fidelity bind any man to maintain any other Jurisdiction or Dominion of my Lords, than what is granted by his Patent; for by expresse words it relates to such only as are therein contained, whatsoever *Mr. Strong* sayes to the contrary.

[Though some of those people (it seemes) thinke it unfit that my Lord should have such a jurisdiction and dominion there, (unto which he hath as good a right as *Mr. Strong* or any of those people can claime to any thing they have) yet they it seemes by their arrogant and insolent proceedings thinke it fit for them to exercise farre more absolute Juridictions and Dominion there then my Lord ever did, such as in truth are Arbitrary and Barbarous without any lawfull right or Authority at all, nor are they contented with freedome for themselves of Conscience, Person and Estate, (all which are establishd to them by Law there and enjoyed by them in as ample manner as ever any people did in any place of the world) unlesse they may have the liberty to debarr others from the like freedome, and that