

testified by divers Merchants and others to be true.

In this expedition to *Virginia* Captaine *Dennis* and Captaine *Steg* the two chiefe Commissioners ( who were present when *Maryland* was struck out of the said Instructions) were cast away outward bound, in the Admirall of that Fleet which was sent from hence upon that service, and with them the Originall Commission for that service was lost.

But Capt. *Curtes* having a Coppy of the said Commission and Instructions with him in another ship, arrived safe in *Virginia*, and there being also nominated in the sayd Commission two other persons resident in *Virginia*, that is, Mr. *Richard Bennet* before mentioned, and Capt. *Cleyborne* (known and declared Enemies of the Lord *Baltemores*) they together with Capt. *Curtes* proceeded to the reducement of *Virginia*, which was effected accordingly; and Captaine *Curtes* being then the Lord *Baltemores* Lievtenant of *Maryland*, did actually assist them therein. After all which, the sayd Mr. *Bennet* and Capt. *Cleyborne* went notwithstanding to *Maryland*, and upon pretence of a certaine Clause in their Instructions, That they should reduce all the Plantations in the Bay of *Cheseapeacke*, to the obedience of the Parliament, because some part of *Maryland*, where the Lord *Baltemores* chiefe Colony there is seated, is within that Bay, aswell as all the Plantations of *Virginia* are, they required Capt. *Curtes* and the rest of the Lord *Baltemores* Officers there, first to take the Engagement, which they all readily subscribed, and declared, that they did in all humility submit themselves to the Government of the Commonwealth of *England*; in chiefe under God: then the said Commissioners required them to issue out Writs and Processe out of the  
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