

Lord *Baltmores* Courts there, in the name of the Keeper of the Liberty of *England*, and not in the name of the Lord Proprietary as they were wont to doe; wherein they desired to be excused, because they did conceive the Parliament intended not to devest the Lord *Baltimore* of his right there; and that they understood out of England that the Councill of State intended not that any alteration should be made in *Maryland*, that the Kings name was never used heertofore in the said Writs, but that they had always beene in the name of the Lord Proprietary according to the Priviledges of his Patent, ever since the beginning of that Plantation. That the Act in England for changing of the formes of Writs declared onely, that in such Writs and Proceffe wherein the Kings name was formerly used the Keepers of the Liberty of England should for the future be put in stead thereof. That the continuing of the Writs in the Lord Proprietaries name was essentiall to his interest there, and therefore they could not without breach of trust concur to any such alteration: whereupon the said Commissioners demanded of Captain *Stone* the Lord *Baltmores* Commission to him, which he shewed them, and then without any other cause at all they detained it and remooved him, and his Lordships other Officers out of their employment there under him, and appointed others to mannage the Government of that Plantation independent of his Lordship.

By which it appears Mr. *Bennet* and Capt. *Cleyborne* too upon them an Authority much contrary to the intention of the Councill of State, and indeed contrary to common sense and reason; for certainly if the Councill had had any cause to have altered their mind in that particular of *M*