

*Maryland*, after they had stricke it out of the sayd Instructions, they would have caused it to have been put in againe by the same name, whereby their Intention might have beene cleereely understood; much lesse could they have any Intention of reducing any place that was not in opposition against them, but in due obedience; so as if *Maryland* had been by any mistake put in by name to be reduced, upon a supposition in the Councell that it had been in opposition, yet they could not in reason intend that in case their Commissioners had found when they came upon the place (as they did) that it was not in opposition, that they should reduce it or prejudice any mans right upon that account: so that whatsoever was done in *Maryland* by the sayd Mr. *Benner*, then Governour of *Virginia*, and the other persons Mr. *Strong* mentioneth as Commissioners from *England*, for reducing of *Maryland*, or their subordinate Officers, having no firmer foundation from hence, was done without Authority, which makes all those proceedings mentioned by Mr. *Strong* of his friends and their pretended assembly there, illegall, mutinous, and usurp'd, and the Lord *Ballemore* and his Officers had just reason to rectifie the same by all lawfull means, other then which they used none, when they reassumed the Government; for by his Lordshipp's Patent he and his substitutes have power to make use of what force they can, to compell such as shall unlawfully oppose his Government there, and by a Law made with the consent of a generall Assembly of that Province, wherein the sayd people above mentioned had also their Burgeses, it was enacted that such as should by force of Armes oppose the Government there under the Lord Proprietary, or attempt the disherison or dispossessing him (as those people