

men over the River towards Capt. *Stone* in the last conflict, and the shooting of Ordnance from Capt. *Hemans* ship at Capt. *Stone*, and the blocking up of Capt. *Stones* Boats by a Barque with two peeces of Ordnance (as Mr. *Strong* confesseth they did before any hostile attempt made by Captain *Stone* upon them) which forced Capt. *Stone* to engage with them in his own defence. As to Capt. *Stones* taking away the Records and Arms from those of *Patuxent*, if he did so, it was but what every discreet man ought to have done in the like case, they having been Actors in displacing him as formerly; and lest in his absence they should attempt upon the Colony behind him; but Mr. *Strong* I suppose is the more impudent in alleadging untruths, and indeavouring to smother under them the barbarous and bloody actions of those people, because he knows that they have taken order to hinder what they can, all persons & Letters which may come from thence hither, and have imposed Oaths upon all those of concernment whom they had in their custody, that they neither should endeavour to com over into *England*, nor write any Letters or Petitions into *England*, to manifest to his Highness the truth of their proceedings in *Maryland*, which will reflect upon Mr. *Strong* as much as any one else; nevertheless providence, notwithstanding all their diligence to the contrary, hath brought some Letters and Persons lately over from thence, which much contradict Mr. *Strong*s Relation of the last contests there, viz. a Letter from Mr. *Luke Barber* to his Highness the Lord Protector; which the sayd Mr. *Barber* wrote when he thought he should not have been able to have got away from thence, the people above mentioned having detained him as well as others, but afterwards