

therin the disobeyers of which cannot after your Highnesse known pleasure but in a moment perish, and the rest live secure and happy. My Lord I am an absolute stranger heere as yet having not beene a month in the Countrey, in which time this unfortunate action fell out, so much the sadder, in regard of the common enemy the Indian who ever takes advantage by our intestine troubles being both cruel and potent, & therefore I hope will be a motive to further the charitable condescending of your Highnesse for settling the Countrey. My Lord having had a very tedious passage being necessitated to stay above two months in Bermudas & above one month in Virginia, so that I was above halfe a yeare from the time that I came out of England to my arrivall in Maryland, at which arrivall I found the Countrey in a great disturbance, the Governour Captain Stone being ready to march with his Army (which heere is considerable if it consist of 200 men) against a partie of men at a place called Anne-Arundel who the yeer before (pretending a power from your Highnesse as also that your Highnesse had taken the Lord Baltmores Countrey from him) bred a great disturbance in the Countrey, and withall tooke away the Governours Commission from him, which Governour being since informed by a Gentleman by name Mr. Elkonehead (one that came out of England 2 or 3 Months after me) that the Lord Baltmore kept his Patent, and that your Highnesse had neither taken the Lord Baltmores Patent from him nor his Land, hee thought hee might act by the contents of his former Commission from the Lord Baltmore and accordingly went up to reduce those people to the Lord Baltmores Governement, but still under your Highness command, as formerly under the Kings, having heer in the Countrey before I came first solemnly proclaimed your Highness, as also in all Proclamations and publick Edicts ending with God preserve the Lord Protector, and the Lord Proprietary. Now going up to reduce these people, if possible