

but speake my conscience, knowing that at their first setting out the generall cry was that they went to reduce the Country and bring it under the obedience of your Highnesse and the Lord Proprietary, as also the Governour who protested to mee before he went out, that had he not been very credibly informed that your Highnesse had not taken away the Lord Baltremores Patent, nor his Land, as the Anne-Arundel men pretended, he would not stirre in the businesse. My Lord, the reason why I take upon mee to give your Highnesse an account of this action is nothing but out of my duty to your Highnesse to give a true and impartiall account of the proceedings heere, in regard they still keepe the Governour and most of the Councell Prisoners, as also all the chiefe Officers till all the shipping is already gone out of the Country except one, and all that is gone I heare for certain none of them shall be releast, by which meanes they are not onely debarred from comming for England (as some desired to answer for what they had done before your Highnesse, and were denied it) but are likewise hindred from writing their grievances, as not being suffered to write to their own wives, but their Letters are broke open, so that I cannot but thinke my selfe bound in conscience to declare the truth, as also to remaine so long as I possesse a being in this world,

My Lord,

Your Highnesse most obedient and ever

Loyal Subject

L. Barber.

Maryland ibid 13. of  
April, 1655.