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fownd by too deare bought experience which other men for their private interests always concealed from me, that from the middst of October to the middst of May there is a sadd face of wynter upon all this land, both sea and land so frozen for the greatest part of the tyme as they are not penetrable no plant or vegetable thing appearing out of the earth untill it bee about the beginning of May, nor fish in the sea besides the ayre so intolerable cold as it is hardly to be endured. By meanes whereof, and of much salt water, my house hath bene an hospitall all this wynter, of 100. persons 50 sick at a tyme, my self being one and nyne or ten of them dyed. Hereupon I have had strong temptations to leave all proceedings in plantations, and being much decayed in my strength to retire my self to my former quiett; but my inclination carrying me naturally to these kynde of workes, and not knowing how better to employ the poore remaynder of my days than with other good subjects to further the best I may the enlarging your Majesty's empire in this part of the world I am determined to committ this place to fishermen that are able to encounter storms and hard weather, and to remove my self with some 40 persons to your Majesty's dominion of Virginia, where if your Majesty will please to grant me a precinct of land with such privileges as the King your father my gracious master was pleased to grant me here, I shall endeavor to the utmost of my power to deserve it and pray for your Majesty's long and happy raigne as

your Majesty's most humble
and faithfull subject and servant.
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Governor Pott and others to the Council.
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Right honorable,

May it please your Lordships to understand, that about the begininge of October last there arived in this Colony the Lord Baltimore from his plantation of Newfoundland, with an intention as wee are informed, rather to plant himself to the southward, than settle here, although since hee hath seemed well affected to this place, and willing to make his residence therein with his whole family. Wee were readily inclined to render unto his Lordshipp all those respects which were due unto the honor of his person, or which might testifie with how much gladness wee desired to receive and entertain him, as being of that eminence and degree whose presence and affection might give great advancement to this Plantation. Whereuppon