

And whereas (to say som things by way of a little discourse Liber H. II. to the supposed Claimes or pretence of my Lord Baltemores Pattent vnto our aforesaid Sowth River or Delaware Bay) Wee vtterly deny disowne, and reiect any power and authority (except breakers of peace, and Actors as publick Enemies which rests onely vpon their strenigth and self will) that may or can legally come to reduce, or subdue the said River & Subjects from their right lawfull Lords and Proprietors, by whom it is vndenyable iustly and lawfully possessed and seated about fforty yeares agone as abouesaid, when to the Contrary the Pattent of the said my Lord Baltimore is of no longer standing and settlement then about 24 or 27 yeare, without any particular expressions or speciall Tytle mentioned to take that River of Delaware Bay from the Dutch, Not in soe much as S^r Edmond Ploythen in former tyme would make vs belieue hee hath vnto when it afterward did prove and was found out, hee onely subreptiff and obreptiff hath something obtained to that purpose which was invallid. And putt the Case the said my Lord Baltimore or any other hath any Seeming Tytle to the aforesaid River or Delaware Bay then his lordship according to the 30th Article of peace and Confederacy should haue made his No. 53 repaire before the 18th of May 1652 to the Honno^{ble} Commissioners appointed by both States a purpose for the Determination of such and the like differences as might haue bine Committed or transacted betweene the two Nations in the forraigne parts of the world ever since the yeare 1611 to the 18th day of May 1652 after w^{ch} tyme it is in plaine tearmes prohibited and proclaimed that then noe pretences more should be admitted. In obedience to which to proue the true meaneing and interpretation of the aforesaid thirtieth Article by two Evident Examples and Wittnesses of your owne Race and Chiefest authority of the Republick of England) Wee say that New England in those dayes claimeing also som intrest to our limitts from their Side, And my Lord Protectors Shipps by open warr send thither to subdue the aforesaid Province of New Netherland at the other side Peace being Concluded renounced and deserted vpon that Occasion their Designe and went against the ffrench. So that the Right and Tytle the Dutch Nation haue vnto their Province of the Netherlands aforesaid ever since Moore and more stands conformed and Ratified. But fforasmuch now motion is made and question moved into our Westerne limitts, and haueing therevpon observed and suspected the Bay of Chesepeake in the Vppermost parts therof winding soe much to the North East to run about Sassafrax and Elke River into our Lyne, wee therefore lay also Claime to those parts vntill by Due Examination hereafter the truth hereof may be found out or agreed and settled amongst vs otherwise