

eration the present state and Government of Maryland under the Lord Baltimore and the relation that Province stands in to the Government of England in Order to bring the same under such a dependance on the Crown as is necessary in the present conjuncture.

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The Declaration
Of the reason and motive for the pres^t
appearing in arms of His Maj^{ty's} Protestant
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Although the nature and state of Affairs relating to the government of this Province is so well and notoriously known to all persons any way concerned in the same, as to the people Inhabitants here, who are more imediately interested, as might excuse any declaracōn or apologie for this pres^{nt} inevitable appearance; Yet forasmuch as (by the plotte contrivances insinuacōns remonstrances and subscriptions carried on, suggested, extorted and obtained, by the Lord Baltimore, his Deputys Representatives and officers here) the injustice and tyranny under which we groan, is palliated and most if not all the particulars of our grievances shrowded from the eyes of observacōn and the hand of redress, Wee thought fitt for general satisfaccōn, and particularly to undeceive those that may have a sinister account of our proceedings to publish this Declaracōn of the reasons and motives inducing us thereunto. His Lordships right and title to the Government is by virtue of a Charter to his father Cecilius from King Charles the first of blessed memory how his present Lordship has managed the power and authority given and granted in the same wee could mourn and lament onely in silence, would our duty to God, our allegiance to his Vicegerent, and the care & welfare of ourselves and posterity permit us.

In the first place in the said Charter is a reservation of the fayth and allegiance due to the Crown of England (the Province and Inhabitants being imediately subject thereunto) but how little that is manifested is too obvious, to all unbyasted persons that ever had anything to do here the very name and owning of that Sovereign power is some times crime enough to incur the frownes of our superiors and to render our persons obnoxious and suspected to be ill-affected to the government The ill usage of and affronts to the Kings Officers belonging to the customes here, were a sufficient argument of this. Wee need but instance the busines of M^r Badcock and M^r Rousby, of whom the former was terribly detained by his Lordshipp from going home to make his just complaints in England upon which he was soon taken sick, and t'was more then probably