

the less, a definite historical implication, for it is a fact that until now investigators have never fully apprehended the activities of Lord Baltimore in the eighteen months that elapsed between the granting of his Charter and the sailing for Maryland of the Ark and the Dove. The discovery of the *Declaration* in printed form lightens the obscurity of this important period in the life of the project. From it one learns that the Proprietary was engaged in other things besides the defense of his Charter and the removal of prejudice against a proposed colony under the leadership of a Catholic nobleman. One learns that he was busy advertising his plans, announcing his conditions of plantation and in general attracting and securing adventurers in the approved fashion of colony promoters of his own and later centuries. One even has a glimpse of him at the business, sitting in his house in Bloomsbury at the upper end of Holborne in London, prepared to consult all and sundry among intending adventurers. Furthermore, the very fact of the existence of a printed advertisement in the form of the *Declaration* clears away the imputation of dark secrecy that attaches to the earliest settlement of Maryland, removes the popular conception of that first expedition as an almost furtive flight of a band of persecuted Catholics to the Land of Sanctuary. It becomes obvious that there was nothing of this nature associated with the enterprise. The destination of the expedition and its date and place of sailing were announced in print for all to read, months in advance, and if my Lord Baltimore's Maryland project did not become the talk of London, it was hardly from lack of enterprise on the part of its promoter.