

The Answer of John Coode and Kenelm Cheseldine Agents and Commissioners from the late Convention of their Majesties Province of Maryland on behalfe of the said Convention and themselves to a Paper Exhibitted against them: To the Kings most Excellent Majesty by Richard Hill Henry Coursey George Wells George Lingham, Edward Dorsey &c: The Chief and most of which were the Protestants that opposed their present Majesties Right and Tytle to the Allegiance Obedience and subjection of their said Majesties subjects in the said Province.

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& Lillingston  
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As to the first Allegation in the said Paper, that they petition on behalfe of themselves and most of the Inhabitants of the said Province is false For they can produce no power or qualification from any other persons whatsoever. The whole Province (as by Addresses from the severall Counties heretofore delivered in and now ready to be delivered to their Majesties fully manifesting the contrary as well as severall persons (viva voce) to testify the same.

As to the second Allegation That the Province hath in his Lordsp<sup>s</sup> and his Father's time enjoyed a continuall peace and that persons of all perswasions have enjoyed equall favours from the Government is also untrue. Witness the Insurrection at the Clifts occasioned by his Lordsp<sup>s</sup> Writts of Elleccōn comanding Four Representatives for each County to be elected as an Assembly out of which Four, his Lordsp<sup>s</sup> afterwards called only two that he thought most fitt for his Interest to be an Assembly who laid the greatest Levy upon the People that ever was laid in that Province. Which they refused to pay as not being laid by their legall Representatives and for which three of them were condemned and two of them executed. Witness also the Comotions in the said Province upon his Lordsp<sup>s</sup> arrivall there in the time of the Popish Plott. As also upon the Indians killing divers English at the Lower end of the Towne (being a place there so called) and ever since have the people beene in continuall feares and jealousies of the French and Northern Indians who often pass by the Confines of the said Province with French Priests who were acquainted with the English and Irish Preists there inhabiting, and as to the equall enjoyment of favours as is pretended. It is well known that of late yeares there have not been any Protestants preferred to Offices were there were Papists fitt to enjoy the same That of all perswasions there, the Church of England have had the least encouragement and respect.