

being a greater union of Nobles and Commons, then ever concurred to such an undertaking. But nevertheless, partly by the natural difficulties incident to all new Plantations; but chiefly, through the unnatural and faulty impediments arising by the cross agitations of two powerful factions in the Company, the work went heavily on for the first twelve yeers, appearing desperate in the several ill successses thereof. And though afterward somewhat advanced and prosperous, yet in the yeer 1621. by the fatal blow of a **Maffacre**, it was almost shattered to pieces, and brought to a very low and calamitous condition; which occasion the contrary faction presently took hold of, insomuch that they exceedingly slighted the action, and cared not to cast aspersions on the Country, and on the whole management of that affair. And then further strongly possessed and advised the then King, against the form of the Companies Government, as consisting of an excessive number of Councillours, and a confused Popularity, as being a Nurse of Parliamentary spirits, and obnoxious to Monarchical Government. Thereupon Order was made upon the eighth day of *October*, 1623. at the Council-Table, whereby the Company were moved to give in their assents for surrendeing their Patent, and altering their form of Government, and a new one proposed, wherein the Interests and Rights of all men should be preserved: which Order the Company not submitting unto, A *Quo Warranto* was directed for the calling in of their Patent, and an advantage taken upon their mispleading. The Patent was condemned in *Trinity-Term* following; but for many yeers after, not vacated upon the Record in the Office of the *Rolls*, whereby some that sought the overthrow of the Lord *Baltimore's* Patent for *Maryland*, in the beginning of the Parliament, 1640. took out the *Virginia* Patent again under the broad Seal of *England*: therefore thought by pri nest Lawyers now to be unquestionably in force, at least to point of interest; and that Patent of *Maryland* inconsistent and void.

Thus in brief was the late Company dissolved, and a Commission given to divers Lords and others, for present directing and ordering the affairs of *Virginia*; and that they should advise touching a better form of Government for advancing and establishing