

fugitives which from tyme to tyme especially this
~~past~~ years (for the most part deeply engaged in
 debt, or delinquents) and come over and remain
 in this Province of Maryland, as it is strongly suspect-
 ed by means of the abovesaid odious and injurious de-
 signs from hand to hand in our age. Declaring that
 the said hon^{ble} Governor Generall, and Councill of
 the New Netherland, are in readiness to do the like
 in sending, and retorning back to Maryland all
 those Runaways, and fugitives which may come into
 their Jurisdiction and Government aforesaid, Which
 manifestation in case of not that according to legi-
 tallionis, The hon^{ble} Governor Generall and Councill
 of the new Netherland aforesaid hath themselves
 constrained, necessitated and excused to publish free
 liberty across and reach to all Planters Servants Ni-
 groes, fugitives and Runaways which from tyme to
 tyme may come over out of the Jurisdiction of Mary-
 land into the Jurisdiction of the New Netherland afo-
 said

And whereas to say some things by way of a little dis-
 course to the supposed claimed or pretence of my
 Lord Baltomores Patent unto our aforesaid South
 River or Delaware Bay) Was utterly deny disowne,
 and void any power and authority (except break
 of peace; and Acted as publick Enemies which rests
 only upon their strength and selfwill) that may or can
 legally come to reduce, or subdue the said River & Subject
 from their right lawfull Lord and Proprietors, by it
 is undenyable in this and lawfully possessed and seath
 about forty years ago as abovesaid, when to the con-
 trary the Patent of the said my Lord Baltomores is
 no longer standing and settlement then about 24 or
 27 years; without any particular expressions or
 speciall Title mentioned to take that River of Delaware
 Bay from the Dutch, Not in so much as S^r Edmund
 Pleythen in former tyme would make or believe for
 hath unto when it afterward did prove and was found
 out, hee only subreptiff and obreptiff hath something
 obtained to that purpose which was intallid. And
 putt the case the said my Lord Baltomores or any
 other hath any seeming Title to the aforesaid River or
 Delaware Bay then his Lordship according to the 30th

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