

Baron of Baltimore, Lord and Proprietary of the Province &c. That part of his Cop^y Province lying in Delaware Bay to be entrusted and by you (as it seems) injuriously sealed in prejudice to his said Cop^y right and Title

For answer therofore unto your demands by your said Agents made. Wee say that Colonel Nathaniel Wood was by us in pursuance of a Command from the Right Hon^{ble} Lord Proprietary ordered to make his repairs to a certain People seated upon Delaware Bay within the 40th Degree of Northerly latitude from the Equinoctiall Line to lett them know that they were residing within our Jurisdiction without our knowledge much more without our License without Grant of Land from us Oath of fidelity to his Lordship taken on, and lawd to all Comers here to inhabit conditioned and enjoyned. And further to offer unto them such Conditions in case they intended there to stay, as Wee our selves enjoyned. But in case of refusall and abode thereof made, to lett them knowe wee should use all Lawfull means to reduce them to that Obedience which all People within the Degree aforesaid are bound to give unto us as entrusted with this Province by the Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Baltimore Solo and absolute Lord and Proprietary of the same by Patent under the Great Seale of England bearing date 20th of June in the year of our Lord God 1632. And since by Act of Parliament confirmed a Copy whereof wee have showed to your said Ambassador. And since you by your writting as well as by your Ambassadors seeme to insinuate that the said Colony in Delaware Bay is seated there by and under your Command Wee doe protest as well against them and you, as against all other persons either Principalls or Abbotts in the said Intrusion upon our Bounds and Joyntes. Our Damages and Losses in due tyme, and by all lawfull means to recover which we either have or shall at any tyme hereafter chance to sustaine by the Recovery of that place soe seated within our bounds and limits, and injuriously by you deteyned. The Originall Righte of the Kings of England to this Countrey and Territories must be our Endeavour to maintain, not our discourse to controversie, or in the least our

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