81 I Samuel Powell of Worcester County in the State
of Maryland thinking it but just and reasonable to declare
to the world what I heard pass by and between Mathias Davis
and the Revd Mr. John Bowie and as well what conversation
I had with them my self about ten or twelve days before our
last Election — which is as followeth — Mathias Davis
came to my House and asked me if it would not be a good
way for us to git Jabez Hill to go on board of the Man of War or
to New york to bring us some Salt — I replied that I was afraid
— said it would not do — but said to him if you are agreed we
will go and take Mr. Bowies Opinion what to do about it
which he agreed to and we went — and when we got to Mr. Bowies
we began to talk about the times, especially about Salt (&
Sweetning) chiefly — Mathias Davis asked Mr. Bowie if
he had ever seen any of Hows Proclemations — Mr. Bowie
answered if he had — Davis asked him to reade it — Mr. Bowie
did — Davis asked Mr. Bowie if he could not advise them
how they might git Salt from the Man of War or from
New york — Mr. Bowie told him he would Advise them against
ever attempting to git from either. for it would not do. —
Davis asked Mr. Bowie if he had ever read such a Book that con-
-tained the Solemn & — and Covenant — Mr. Bowie answered
he had and took a Book red a few lines. no more — said or Letter
on that head — Mr. Bowie said if times would admitt of his
going to New york he should be found to go to see Lord
Eden — I am certain that there was not a word passed
between Mr. Bowie and Davis but what I heard. Sorry I
Davis and I went, stayed, in one Roome and come away
together — I remember well that Mr. Bowie said to his
wife, which I took to be only in Jest — are you willing my
dear I should go and see him, at the same time laughing
— she also answered in good humour she was not. — And