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At a Council held at the Town & Port of Annapolis the 2^d day of Ian^r In the tenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a Annoq Dni 1698/9

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Present

His Excellency Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r Captain General and Governor in chief in & over this his Majestys Province

the honble { Coll^o Hen Iowles
Tho Tench Esq^r
Coll^o John Addison
Coll^o John Courts
Maj^r John Hammond } of his Majestys
Council

Produced and read his most Sacred Majestys Royal Commission under the Great Seal of England dated at Westminster the nineteenth of October in the tenth year of his said Majestys Reign &c^a Annoq Dni 1698 constituting & appointing his said Excellency Nath Blakiston Esq^r Captain General & Governor in chief in & over this his Majestys Province of Maryland & after the reading & publishing whereof his said Excellency Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy which were administred to him by the Gentlemen of his Maj^{stys} Council his said Excellency also Subscribed the Test & Association after which he took the Oath appointed By Act of Parliament Annis 7^o & 8^o of his present Majesty Intituled an act for preventing frauds & Regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade

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And then proceeded to administer the oaths of Allegiance &c^a & the oath of Counsellor to the Several Gentlemen of his Majestys Council now present which they took & afterwards Subscribed the Test and Association

William Bladen Sworne Ck of his Maj^{stys} honble Council took the said oaths appointed by act of Parliament instead of the oaths of allegiance & Supremacy & Subscribed the Test & Association

Then was produced & read his Excellencys Proclamation under the Great Seal of this Province for the Continuing of all Officers civil & Military in their Respective Stations until further orders from his Excellency & his Excellency is pleased to deliver the Great Seal to the honble Coll^o Henry Iowles