

And then laid before the Board the Oath his Excellency
looked as Governor of this Province on Wednesday the
2^d of October 1714 on Notification of his Majesty's Accession
to the Crown was followed by: —

I John Hart Esq. do
swear that I will be true and faithful to his Majesty King
George the Third and Successors and his and their Rights
and Royal Jurisdictions and all and every of them
into and over this his Province of Maryland the
Islands and Territories thereto belonging I will at all
times maintain and defend to the utmost of my power
and will never accept any Place Office or Employment
within the said Province any way concerning or relating
to the Government thereof from any person or Authority
but by from or under a lawful Authority derived or to be
derived from by me or by me to his Majesty his Heirs &
Successors I will faithfully serve his Majesty as his Governor
or Commander in chief of the said Province and in all
other Offices committed or to be committed to my Charge
by his Majesty's Commission or Commissions to me I will
willingly yield up such Commission or Commissions
again and all Office powers & Authorities granted
or to be granted by them or any of them into the
Hands of his Majesty his Heirs or Successors or to such
person or persons as he or they shall appoint when-
soever he or they shall appoint me to do ^{shall} ~~any~~ ^{signi-}
fy the same unto me: And will not put in
Execution or attempt to execute any Office power or
Authority granted unto me by any of the said Commissions
after that his Majesty his Heirs or Successors shall
repeal them or any of them respectively and if
such Repealer be published within this Province I
will do equal Justice to the Poor and to the Rich within
this Province to the best of my Skill Judgment and power
according to the Laws and Ordinances of the said Province
and in Default thereof according to my Conscience