

and best discretion and the power granted or to be granted or to be granted unto me by his Majesty's Commission or Commissions I will not for fear favour or affection or any other Cause hinder or delay Justice to any but will truly execute the said Officers & Offices respectively according to his Majesty's Commission to me in that Behalf and to the true intent and meaning thereof and not otherwise to the best of my understanding and Judgement I will not know of any attempt against his Majesty's Person his Rights or Dominions in or over the Province and the people therein but I will prevent resist and oppose it to the utmost of my power and will make the same known with all convenient speed to his said Majesty and I will in all things from time to time as Occasion shall require faithfully Counsel and advise his Majesty according to my Heart & Conscience

After which His Excellency declared that notwithstanding he had received a Commission from the R^{ty} Hon^{ble} the Lord Charles Baron of Baltimore and the Lord Francis Guilford his Guardian in law in the said Office of Govern^{or} of this Province yet he had not had the least instruction or Notice of the Govern^{or} being by his Majesty restored to my Lord Baltimore and having produced the Commission dated the 30th of May 1715. Ordered the same to be read at the Board which was done & then desired the Members of the Board severally to give their Opinions whether it be advisable for his Excellency to accept of and act by the said Commission without some particular Instruction Direction or Notification from his Majesty or other legal Notice that he has been graciously pleased to restore the Govern^{or} to the Lord Proprietor since his Excellency now Administers of Govern^{or} by Virtue of his Majesty's Royal Authority under the Great Seal of Great Britain and according to the Oath before recited.

The Board