

publick Seal of Marylande or otherwise and likewise require them to  
 subscribe the aforementioned Association without which you are not to admit  
 any person what soever into any publick office nor suffer them that have  
 been admitted formerly, to continue therein.

*Verba Copia*

W. Bladen. C. C. Councill.

Ordered that the C. C. of this House desire His Majesty's Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill to Enter  
 His Majesty's Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill and Mr. W. Bladen Enter who administered the  
 Oathes appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oathes of Allegiance  
 and Supremacy to Mr. Speaker and the severall Members aforesaid  
 who having taken the same severally subscribed the test and also the  
 Association.

His Majesty's Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill also administered the aforesaid Oathes and  
 the Oath of C. C. of the House of Delegates to Christopher Gregory who likewise  
 subscribed the test and the Association.

His Majesty's Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill informs Mr. Speaker and the House  
 that His Excellency requires their attendance on him at the Councill Chamber  
 and take their leave of the house and depart.

The House adjourns to the Councill Chamber.

At the Councill Chamber His Excellency was pleased to make to the  
 House the following Speech: Viz.

Gentlemen,

Since His Majesty amongst the rest of His Many Graces to  
 me has been pleased to honour me with the Command of this his Province  
 I shall never be wanting to make it my utmost Endeavours to discharge  
 that duty incumbent upon me with all Fidelity to His Majesty and the  
 welfare and advantage of this place, I have already had the Honour  
 of serving His Majesty in a Government in America and in Justice to His  
 Subjects in those parts where I have been see people that have the  
 happiness of His Majesty's Government and Protection can be or are more  
 ready and forward to demonstrate their Satisfaction then the Inhabitants  
 there and I do not in the least doubt but I shall find the same good  
 Harmony here.

I need not Enumerate the Many Blessings and Benefits this Province  
 has Received (which you cannot but be very sensible off.) by His Majesty's  
 now Immediate Eye upon and taking you under His own Protection  
 for which we can never do enough in bending all our thoughts and  
 Endeavours to exert and give some signall Proofes of our utmost  
 Loyalty and Gratitude to see Great and Glorious a Prince as we have  
 the blessing to be under who has not only regained the Honour and Credit  
 but the Liberty of England and His shining and Noble Carotter and  
 Inparabell'd actions doe and have displayed themselves sufficiently.  
 Gent: You must give me leave to remarke one particular to you w<sup>ch</sup>