

Liber A or consulted of in both or eyther howses of this present Assembly wherein secrecy shall bee requyred or bee requisite soe farr as I may, & will not wittingly or willingly publish, divulge, or speake of the same to any p^rson or p^rsons whatsoever, being noe member of one of the s^d howses of Assembly. Soe helpe mee God &c.

Clks. oath I. A. B doe swears th^t I will faythfully & truly, to the best of my ability & understanding during this Assembly performe & exequite the place or office of Clarke of the lower howse of the said Assembly in all things belonging to that imploy^mt soe far as it shall please the Gou^r to continew mee therein. And I will true entry make & keepe of all such Acts, Orders, Journalls, & other things belonging to th^t office soe far as I may. And will allso keepe secrett during this Assembly &c: vt Supra in Burges. oath.

w^{ch} s^d seuerall oaths was administred by m^r Secretary to the Clarke & Burgesses there present no one contradicting.

His L^{ps} declaracōn was read by the Secretary & Conditōns of the Plantaōn published.

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C: Baltemore

Cæcilius absolute Lord, and Proprietary of Maryland and Avalon Lord Barron of Baltemore &c. To our Trusty and welbeloved William Stone Esq. our Lieutennant of our said Province of Maryland. To those of our Councill there, And to the Gennerall Assembly of ffreemen of our said Province, and To all others whom it may concerne Greeting &c. Whereas Wee sent a body of lawes thither the last yeare by our Secretary Thomas Hatton under our hand and Greater Seale at armes conteinning sixteene in Number, to be proposed by you our said Lieutennant to the Assembly there for their consent therevnto, Together with a Commission therevnto annexed Signed also by vs and affixed to the same seale, and bearing date the twelfth of August one thousand Six hundred fforty Eight whereby among other things Wee declared our Assent to the said Lawes, vpon such Conditions as were expressed in the said Commission, which lawes were and are soe iust and reasonable as that vpon due consideration they ought to be well liked of by well affected men, according as you our said Lieut. after your receipt of them vpon good reason affirmed to vs by your Letter dated the twentieth of ffebruary last. Nevertheless it seems through some misunderstanding the Gennerall Assembly there at a Sessions thereof houlden at Saint Maries in April last were unwilling at that tyme to Consent to the Enacting of them All, As Lawes there, which