

[Oath of Deputy Lieutenant General.]

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15. The Secretary administred the oath of Lieuten<sup>t</sup> grāll to Giles Brent Esq, in these words. [you sweare that you wilbe true & faithfull to the right ho<sup>ble</sup> Cecilius Lord & Proprietary of this Province of Maryland, and that you will defend & meinteine to the vttermost of yo<sup>r</sup> power, all his iust rights interests royall iurisdiction and seigniory, in, to, and over the said Province, and the Ilands thervnto belonging, and you will faithfully serve him as his Leiuten<sup>t</sup> of the said Province, & in all other offices committed to yo<sup>r</sup> charge: you will doe æquall right & iustice to the poore & to the rich within the said Province, after yo<sup>r</sup> cunning, witt, & power, according to the lawes of the said pvince, you shall delay or deny to no man right & iustice, you shall not know of any attempt ags<sup>t</sup> his Lo<sup>ps</sup> right and dominion in to and over the said Province & the people therin, but you shall resist & oppose it to the vtmost of yo<sup>r</sup> power and make the same knowen w<sup>th</sup> convenient speed to his Lo<sup>p</sup> and you shall in all things faithfully counsell & advise his Lo<sup>p</sup> according to yo<sup>r</sup> heart & conscience. So helpe you God &c.]

Eod: James Neale had the oath of a Counsell<sup>r</sup> of State, administred to him by the said Giles Brent, according to the forme of a Bill drawn vp in Assembly 15. March 1638. Entitled [An Act for severall oathes &c.]

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Aprill 15. Cecilius Lord & Propr[iet<sup>r</sup> of the] Provinces of Maryland and Avalon in the parts of America, Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. To o<sup>r</sup> deare brother Leonard Calvert Esq o<sup>r</sup> Leiuten<sup>t</sup> of o<sup>r</sup> said Province of maryland, and to o<sup>r</sup> trusty and welbeloved Colonell ffrancis Trafford Esq John Lewger Esq william Blount Esq Giles Brent Esq, John Langford Esq and James Neale Esq greeting. Know ye that we reposing especiall trust & confidence in yo<sup>r</sup> wisedomes diligence & experience, have assigned & appointed you iointly & every of you severally to be of o<sup>r</sup> Privie Counsell within o<sup>r</sup> said Province of maryland &c. vt supra in Commission of Counsell; pag: 33. Given on the ffeast of the Annunciaōn of o<sup>r</sup> B. Lady anno 1643

Cecilius &c. To o<sup>r</sup> trusty Capt: Tho: Cornwaleys Esq, vacat ista Commissio greeting, we relying much vpon yo<sup>r</sup> knowen rudence & experience in martiall affaires, doe hereby appoint & authorise you, to make an expedition ags<sup>t</sup> the sesquihanowes or other Indians as have committed or aided the late outrages vpon the English, at such time &

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