

[And in case the number of the said Counsellors either by death absence or otherwise shall at any time happen to be reduced to lesse then three (besides the said Lieut^t) his Lo^p doth in that case give power to his Lieut^t to supply the number by nominating one or two more such other able p^{rs}ons in the said p^{ro}vince to be of his Lo^{ps} Counsell and Conservator of the peace there, as he the said Lieut^t shall think fitt, whom his Lo^p declares (after they have taken the oathes of fidelity & of Counsellors to his Lo^p (w^{ch} his Lo^p requireth & authoriseth his said Lieuten^t to administer vnto them) shalbe & have all the powers & preeminences of Counsellors and Conservators of the Peace within that Province, till vpon notice given therof given therof to his Lo^p his pleasure be further knowen therin. Liber P. R.

By vertue wherof the Lieut^t Generall nominated Thomas Gerard gent to be of his Lo^{ps} Counsell & Conservator of the peace within the Province, who took the oath of fidelity in these words.

I doe faithfully & truly acknowledge the right ho^r Cecilius Lo. baltemore to be true & absolute Lo: & Propriet^r of the Prov. & country of maryland & the Ilands thervnto belonging and I doe sweare that I will beare faith vnto his Lo^p & his heires Lords & Proprietors of the said Prov: & will yeild willing & true obedience to his Lo^p & his said heires & to his & their governm^t in temporall affaires in & over the said Prov: & Ilands thervnto belonging as to the true & absolute Lords & Proprietors of the said Province & the Ilands thervnto belonging. And I p. 132 doe also sweare that I will at all times as occasion shall require to the vtmost of my power defend & meinteine all such his Lo^{ps} & his heires right interest priviledges royall iurisdiction prerogatives and dominion over & in the said Prov: of maryl: & Ilands thervnto belonging & over the people who are or shalbe therein for the time being, as are granted or mentioned to be granted to his Lo^p & his said heires by the king or crowne of Engl: in his Lo^{ps} Pattent of the said Province vnder the great seale of that kingdome. And I doe further sweare that I will not either by my selfe or by any other p^{rs}on or p^{rs}ons directly or indirectly take accept receive purchase or possesse to any other vse or vses whatsoever then only to the vse of the said Lord & Proprieto^r and his heires & assignes any lands tenem^{ts} or hereditaments in the said Prov. of maryl. or the Ilands thervnto belonging from any Indian or Indians or any other p^{rs}on or p^{rs}ons not deriving a title thervnto from or vnder some grant from the said Lord & Proprieto^r or his heires vnder his or their great seale of the said Prov. for the time being. So helpe me God.

And then he took the oath of a Counsellor in these words.

I doe sweare that whilst I am Counsellor of this Province,