

Liber C. B. cillors of this Province I will not reveal the same unto him so touched or Concerned but will keep the same secret until such time as by Consent of the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant or chief Governor here for the time being Publication shall be made thereof I will also as a Councillor and as a Justice and p. 201 Commissioner for Conservation of the Peace of this Province do equal Right unto the Poor and to the rich to the best of my understanding and judgment according to the Laws from time to time in Force within this Province and in default thereof according to my best discretion and Generally in all things will do as a faithful Councillor to the said Lord Proprietor and I do further swear that I will not by my self nor any other Person directly or Indirectly trouble molest or discountenance any Person whatsoever in the said Province professing to Believe in Iesus Christ and in particular no Roman Catholick for or in Respect of his or her Religion nor in his or her free exercise thereof within the said Province so as they be not unfaithful to his said Ldshp nor molest or Conspire against the Civil Government established here under him So help me God and by the Contents of this Book.

Commission for the Great Seal

Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a to our trusty and well Beloved Lieu^t and Council of our said Province of Maryland to all the Inhabitants of the same and all others whom it may Concern Greeting whereas our Great Seal of the said Province of Maryland was Treacherously and Violently taken away from thence by Richard Ingle or his Complices in or about february Anno Domini One thousand six hundred and fourty & four and hath been ever since so disposed of as it cannot be recovered again for us we do therefore hereby protest against all and every act and things whatsoever which hath been Sealed therewith since the fourteenth of Feb^r Anno Domini One thousand six hundred fourty and four or which p. 202 shall at any time hereafter be Sealed therewith as unlawful and not done by any Legal Authority from us and we do hereby declare all and every the said Acts and things unlawful and Null but because it is necessary for the better Government of our said Province and Satisfaction of the People there to have a Seal of ours Constantly remaining in the said Province and appropriated thereunto and known to be our Great Seal of the same whereby divers publick Acts and Grants of Lands within the said Province may be ratified and Confirmed according to such directions Instructions Commissions or warrants as we have or shall from time to time give under our hand and seal