

Liber C. B. by these Presents do Constitute appoint and Ordain him the said Thomas Hatton to be our Secretary of our said Province of Maryland and we do by these presents appoint Constitute and Ordain the said Thomas Hatton as well to be our Principal Officer and Keeper of the Acts and Proceedings of us and of our Lieutenant General & and Council there for the time being and of and for the entring and Recording of all Grants by us or our heirs to be made of any Lands or Offices within our said Province of Maryland and for the Probates entring and Recording of Wills and Inventories and Granting of Letters of Administration and for the entring and Recording of all other matters Acts and things which by any Instructions Laws or Ordinances made or Given or to be made or Given for or concerning our said Province of Maryland shall or ought by the Appointment of us or our heirs or by the appointment of our Lieu' General or other chief Governor there for the time being or otherwise to be entered and Recorded to have and to hold Execute and Enjoy the said Office and Offices unto the said Thomas Hatton until we or our heirs shall signify our or their pleasure to the Contrary and no longer Given at Bath under our hand and Seal at Arms the twelfth day of August in the seaventeenth year of our Dominion over the said Province Anno Dñi 1648

The Oath of the Lord Proprietarys
Secretary in Maryland

I AB do swear that I will be true and faithful to the right honble Cecilius Lord Baron of Baltimore the true and Absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province of Maryland and him and them & his and their rights royal Jurisdictions Signiory all and every of them in to and over the said Province and Islands thereunto belonging will at all times defend and maintain to the utmost of my Power and will never accept of nor execute any Place Office or employment within the said Province any way concerning or relating to the Government of the said Province from any person or Authority but by from or under a lawful Authority derived or to be derived from time to time from his said Lordship or his heirs Lords and Proprietarys of the said Prov^e under his or their hand and Seal at Arms I will serve him faithfully as his Secretary in the said province to none will I wittingly or willingly delay or deny Right in what belongeth to my Office or Offices to do true Record I will keep of Judgments and all other matters to be by me recorded without falsification or Corruption for fear favour or malice of any Person whatsoever to the best of my ability and Understanding so help me God and by the Contents of this Book