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upon the Holy Evangelists by the Lieutenant or Chiefe Governor of this province for the time beeing, or by sutch person or persons as he or the Lord and proprietary of this province, or his Heirs, Lords and proprietary of the same shall from time to time appoint and authorize for the administration thereof as aforesaid. And if any person or persons which either are or hereafter shall bee within this province, shall at any time within the same, refuse to take the said oath upon the said Holy Evangelists, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, when it shall be so administered unto him or them respectively as aforesaid, he and thy respectively so refusing, shall forthwith after such refusall be expelled and banished this province, and not returne into it againe without leave from the Lord proprietary or his Heirs Lords and Proprietarys of this province, or his or their Lieutenant or Chiefe Governor of the same for the time beeing. And if any person or persons who shall be expelled or banished for sutch refusall as aforesaid shall be found in any part of the said Province 30 days after sutch refusall, or shall afterwards returne into any part of the said Province, without sutch leave as aforesaid, or shall after sutch returne at any time againe refuse to take the said Oath upon the said Holy Evangelists, according to the true and meaninge of this Act, when it shall be againe at any time so administered unto him or them respectively: shall bee subject to sutch fine and imprisonment as the Lord and proprietary of this Province, or his Heirs Lords and proprietary of this Province shall think fitt or in his or their absence out of this province, as his or their Lieut: or Chiefe Governor and Privy Councill of this province for the time beeing, or the Major part of them, whereof the said Lieutenant or Chiefe Governor or his deputy beeing one of the said Privy Councill to bee all wayes one and to have a negative voyce, shall think fitt, and the oath and tytle thereof intended by this Act is as followeth

#### The Oath of Fidelity to the Lord Proprietary of this Province

I. A. B. doe sweare that I will bee true and faithfull as long as I shall bee a Member of this province to the Right Hono<sup>ble</sup> Cæcilus Lord Baron of Baltemore Lord Proprietary of this Province of Maryland and the Ilands thereunto belonging, and to his Heirs Lords and Proprietarys of the same, and to his Lieut: or Chiefe Governor here for the time beeing, and will not at any time by word or actions in publick or in privat, wittingly or willingly any way derogate from, but will at all times as occasion shall require, to the uttmost of my power, defend and maintaine all sutch his said Lordships and his