

Lib. H. D. Sworn unto in Open Court before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sr Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> one of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill the day and year abovesaid.

H: Wriothlesley Clerk of the Prov<sup>l</sup> Court.

Mr Hen: Denton's Oath. I Henry Denton doe hereby Certifye and declare that whereas I have had the ffavour to Enjoy Severall places of proffitt since the Arrivall of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq within this Province; Viz<sup>t</sup> Clerk of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill of State & in the Assembly, Reg<sup>t</sup> of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Court of Vice Admiralty on the Western Shore & Navall Offic<sup>r</sup> of the Port of Annapolis, the which I now hold by his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> particular favour; but never gave the least gratuity or reward for the Enjoym<sup>t</sup> of any of the s<sup>d</sup> places, neither at any time did I ever Receive any directions or Comānd either directly or Indirectly to do any thing Contrary to my Duty in the Execution of any of the s<sup>d</sup> Offices.

Jurat in Cur 12° Dec<sup>rs</sup> 1696.

Hen: Denton.

H: Wriothlesley Clk.

Mr Watkins Oath about his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> I under written doe swear that I have been Em- ployed by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland &<sup>ca</sup> as Nav<sup>l</sup> Officer of Petuxant District and I doe declare th<sup>t</sup> during the time I have served in th<sup>t</sup> Office I never had or received any other instructions from him then to be dilligent and see the Laws of Trade and Navigacōn carefully observed and put in Execution and that I never was pressed by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> to do any thing in my s<sup>d</sup> Office but what the Law would Justifye me in and that I doe not pay any premium for my s<sup>d</sup> Office to his s<sup>d</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> directly or Indirectly in any wise whatsoever.

Jurat in Cur 12° Dec<sup>rs</sup> 1696.

S: Watkins

H. Wriothlesley Clk.

p. 84 I Kenelm Cheseldyn doe depose upon my Oath that having been ab<sup>t</sup> three years Commissary Gen<sup>l</sup> under his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Colonel Nicholson his Ma<sup>ts</sup> p<sup>'</sup>sent Govern<sup>r</sup> of this Province of Maryland and also one of the Masters in Chancery for some time and one of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Justices for St Maries County Court in the s<sup>d</sup> Province ag<sup>t</sup> his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> did never advise Councill or by any way or means influence me in any the s<sup>d</sup> Offices, to doe otherwise but what I was Obliged by Law and Equity to doe, and did always advise me to Act therein according to the best of my Skill and knowledge in the Same, and further that he Granted me the s<sup>d</sup> Place, without any Consideracōn given, and