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believe the same was granted of his own free will, and by Lib. H. D.  
Advice of the hon<sup>ble</sup> the Councill of the Province.

Jurat in Cur die et Anno Supdcis K: Cheseldyn  
H: Wriothesley Clk: of the prov<sup>l</sup> Court.

Mr Dents Oath abt his Exncys Legall Governmt I under written do Testifye that I have been some years in his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Service within this Province as Sollicito<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> under the p<sup>r</sup>sent Govern<sup>rs</sup> Conduct and by his Comānd and during that time I have been often Comanded to Attend his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> but in all that time I can and doe say that his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> neaver Required advised or Comanded me to prosscute or doe any thing Contrary to or against Law or Ever Comanded me to strain or Urge any thing ag<sup>t</sup> any man Contrary to or beyond the Law but to the best of my remembrance hath Constantly and at all times Comanded me to proceed according to the Law but neaver as I know Urged me to any thing beyond what the law warranted and to the best of my knowledge I have not in the s<sup>d</sup> Service Acted Contrary to Law.

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

H: Wriothesley Clk:

Mr ffreemans Oath about his Exncys Legall Governmt I John ffreeman (who have been for the Space of two years and almost three months, and am still, Register of the high Court of Chancery for the Province of Maryland) do upon my Oath and with all Sincerity testify and declare, That his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Govern<sup>r</sup> of this Province did never directly nor Indirectly, (by any Comānd or other means what soever) enjoyn or Require me to Act or doe any matter or thing contrary unto any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom of England or of this Province; nor to use partiality for or ag<sup>t</sup> any person, in any Cause commenc'd or depending in the s<sup>d</sup> Court, And in all doubtfull & difficult Cases wherein (by reason of the absence of the Chancelo<sup>r</sup> or other p<sup>r</sup>sons principally Concernd) I have been necessitated to Request his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> directions, This only Answer have I allways recd: (to wit) That it was his pleasure & Comānd that I should Consult the Law and advise with the proffessors thereof: and upon due Information act according to their Instructions and the Degrees Rules and Orders of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> high Court of Adm<sup>lty</sup> without respect of persons or delay of Causes. Nor do I know or believe th<sup>t</sup> his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ever Received any Guift, or so much as a promise of any Guift whatsoever, from any person, to Conferr any place or Office, or ffavour any Cause,