

Lib. H. D. Nor doe I believe th^t any of his Ma^{ty} Subjects in this Province have any Cause to Complain against his Ex^{ty} Governm^t
 To the Truth whereof I do heartily Subscribe
 John ffreeman, Reg^r in Chancery.

Sworne Dec^r 14^o 1696. before the Principal Justices in Open Court at Annapolis. H. Wriothesley, Clk:

Mr Platers Oath given about his Ex^{ty} Governm^t. I under written do swear that I have been Employ'd as Attorney Gen^l of this Province under his Ex^{ty} the p^rsent Gov^r ever since his Arrivall in this Province and that I never had any Instructions or advice from his Ex^{ty} during the time aboves^d either directly or Indirectly to prosecute any person or persons ag^t Law, and that I never was asked or demanded gratification or Reward for my Place of Attorney Gen^l.

And I do further declare upon my Oath, that having for the time afores^d been appointed Collecto^r and Receiver of Petuxant District, I never was Directed by his Ex^{ty} the Gov^r to advance or increase any ffees, or alter any for his Ex^{ty} Interest more than the Law directed nor to doe or Act any thing or things as Collect^r & Rec^r afores^d contrary to Law.

12^o Dec^{rs} 1696:

George Plater.

Then Came the above Named George Plater Esq & made Oath upon the holy Evangelist that the Contents aboves^d is the Truth.

H: Wriothesley Clk.

December the 16th 1696.

Whitehall The Councill again Sate and were p^rsent as yesterday
 Ordr^r abt due Compliance to be made by all Offic^{rs} This Board having taken into consideracōn the evill Consequences th^t doe dayly happen to this his Ma^{ty} Governm^t occasion'd Cheifly through the remissness of the officers thereof in the strict performance of their duty, are pleased to Ord^r as it is hereby Ordered that the Sherriffs in the ffirst place look well to the discharge of their Duty and of the great Trust and Confidence reposed in them, and that they take Special Care duly to execute all precepts, and punctually observe and Obey all Ord^{rs} of his Ex^{ty} which from time to time they shall Receive, under penalty of being displaced and prosecuted according to the Utmost Rigour of the Law ; And that they give notice in generall to all Offic^{rs} Military and Civill within their respective p^rcincts to be diligent and Circumspect in the Execution of their severall Offices and places ; His Ex^{ty} being pleased openly to declare it to be