

Lib. H. D. Coll Henry Jowles Coll George Robotham Coll Nicholas Greenberry Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> Coll Charles Hutchins Coll David Browne Cap<sup>t</sup> John Addison Cap<sup>t</sup> John Courts Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> James ffrisby Esq<sup>r</sup> It being late in the Evening his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> thought fit to suspend the swearing of the Councill Untill the next Morning and soe

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Seaven a Clock.

July 27<sup>th</sup> 1694.

The Councill Mett & Satt and were p<sup>r</sup>sent as Yesterday His Ex<sup>ncies</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>mission for this Governm<sup>t</sup> was distinctly Read over and Ordered to be Recorded Vid. ffol 1.

The Oaths Appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy were administred in Councill vnto his Excellency as likewise the Oath of Trade & Navigation.

The Oath taken by Coll ffrancis Nicholson Governor of Maryland

You shall swear that you will to the best of your skill and power so long as you shall continue in the Governm<sup>t</sup> and Co<sup>m</sup>and of Maryland well & truly Execute and performe and  
p. 17 cause to be Executed and performed all Matters and things which by the Statute made in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of his late Ma<sup>ty</sup> King Charles the second his Reigne Entituled an Act for the Encourageing and increasing of Shipping and Navigation; and by the other Statute made in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of his said Ma<sup>ties</sup> Reigne, Entituled an Act for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade, You are Required as Governor or Co<sup>m</sup>ander in Cheif of this Plantation to be sworne to the performance of.

So help you God

Whitehall His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> being acquainted by the Board that there was another Oath besides, Usually taken by the Governors of this Province, did therevpon demand to know if any Law of the Countrey had prescribed the same, the which not appearing his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> was pleased to tell them he did not thinke himself obliedged to take any other Oath then what their Ma<sup>ts</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>mission to him had directed and Appointed.

Whitehall Councillors Sworne. The severall Members of the Councill now present tooke likewise the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy as also the Usual Oath of Councillor Afterwards, his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and the severall Members of their Ma<sup>ts</sup> hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill this day present, subscribed to the Test in manner following; Viz<sup>t</sup>