

Æquinoctial line or Æquator, as well in the Ocean and Medi- Lib. H. D.  
terranean Sea, as elsewhere; And lastly, after the tenth of  
March next ensuing beyond the said Line throughout the  
whole World without any exception or distinction of time or  
place, and without any form of Process, shall immediately,  
without damage, be restored to the Owner, according to the  
said treaty. And hereof all his Majesties Subjects are hereby  
Required to take notice, and to conform themselves thereunto  
accordingly.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October,  
1697, in the ninth year of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Reign  
God Save the King.

A Commission  
for Adminis-  
tring an Oath  
to the Gov-  
ernor of the  
Province of  
Maryland.

William the third by the Grace of God of Eng- p. 150  
land Scotland France and Ireland King Defender  
of the faith &<sup>ca</sup>

To our trusty and wellbeloved Sr Thomas  
Laurence Baron<sup>tt</sup> Edward Randolph: Henry  
Iowles: George Robotham: James ffrisbey, John Addison:  
Thomas Brookes Edward Chilton George Muschamp and  
Phillip Clarke Esq<sup>rs</sup> or any five or more of the members of  
the Council in our Province of Maryland for the time being  
Greeting. Whereas by one clause in an act of Parliament,  
made in the eighth and ninth years of our reigne Entituled an  
Act for making good the deficiencies of severall funds therein  
mentioned and for enlarging the Capital Stock of the Banck  
of England and for raising the publick Creditt. It is recited.  
That Whereas by an Act of Parliament made in the seaventh  
& eighth years of our Reigne Intituled an act for preventing  
frauds and regulating abuses in the Plantation trade It is  
amongst other things therein enacted That all the present  
Governours & Co<sup>m</sup>anders in chief of any English Collonies  
and Plantations shall before the five and twentieth day of  
March 1697, And all who shall be made Governours or  
Co<sup>m</sup>anders in chief of the said Collonies or Plantac<sup>o</sup>ns or any  
of them before the entring into their Governments shall take  
a Sollemne Oath to doe their utmost that all the clauses  
matters & things contened in one act of Parliament made in  
the twelfth year of the reigne of the late King Charles the  
second. Intituled an Act for encouraging and increasing of  
Shipping and Navigation, And one other act made in the  
fifteenth year of his s<sup>d</sup> late Maj<sup>ty</sup>s reigne Intituled an act for  
encouragement of trade and also the said act made in the 7<sup>th</sup>  
& 8<sup>th</sup> years of our reigne Intituled an act for preventing  
frauds and regulating abuses in the Plantation trade be  
punctually and bona fide observed according to the true  
intent & meaning thereof so farr as appertaines to the said