

I. A. B. Governor of the Province of Maryland in America Lib. H. D.
doe solemnly swear to doe my utmost that all the matters & things contained in an Act of Parliament made in England in the twelfth year of the reigne of his late Majestie King Charles the second Intituled an Act for encourageing and increasing of Shipping & Navigation, And one other Act made in the fifteenth year of his said late Majesties reigne Intituled an Act for the encouragement of trade, And the Act made in the 7th & 8th years of his present Maj^{tys} reigne intituled an Act for preventing ffrauds and regulating abuses in the Plantation trade and also all other acts which have been made for the better regulating & securing the Plantation trade shall be punctually and bona fide observed according to the true intent & meaning thereof, so farr as appertaines to me the Governor of the said Province of Maryland So help me God.

Tho: Cantuar, Shrewsbury, Sunderland, Romney.

Instructions to the Governour of Maryland. For putting the severall Acts of trade in force.

Orders and Instructions to be observed by Fran^s Nicholson Esq^r his Ma^{ties} Governour of the Province of Maryland in America and by the Governour there for the time being in pursuance of severall Laws relating to the Trade & Navigacōn of this his Ma^{ties} Kingdome of England and the Collonies and Plantations in America.

First You shall inform yourself of the Principall Laws relating to the Plantation trade, Viz^t The Act for encouraging & encreasing of Shipping and Navigation made in the 12th year of the Reigne of King Charles the second. The Act for preventing frauds & regulating abuses in the Customes made in the 14th year of the s^d Kings Reigne. The Act for the Encouragement of trade made in the 15th year of the said Kings Reigne.

The Act for regulating the Plantation trade made in the 22nd & 23^d year of the said Kings reigne. The Act for encouragement of the Eastland & Greenland Trades and better securing the Plantation trade made in the 25th year of the said Kings reigne. And the act for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in the Plantation trade made in the 7th & 8th year of his present Majesties Reigne. All w^{ch} laws you will herewith receive. And you shall take a Solemn Oath to doe y^{or} utmost th^t all the clauses matters & things contained in the before recited Acts of Parliament heretofore passed and now in force; relating to his Maj^{ties} Collonies and Plantations be punctually and bona fide observed according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Secondly. And as by the last recited Acts the Officers