

Reigne &c. And the first Year of his Lordships Dominion c. P.  
over this Province, Annoq Domini 1715.

Present

His Excellency John Hart Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of this Province &c.  
Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup>      Col Thomas Addison  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col W<sup>m</sup> Holland      &  
L<sup>t</sup> Col Sam<sup>l</sup> Young      L<sup>t</sup> Col Rich<sup>d</sup> Tilghman.

Memorandum.

That the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Edward Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> obtained His Excellency the Governour's leave, to be absent from the Board, at this tyme.

The Honourable Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> being present at the Board, his Excellency delivered to the said Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup>, a Letter from his Lordship, the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietorie, and the Lord Guilford, Dated at London September the 19<sup>th</sup> 1715 and directed to Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> and the rest of the Gentlemen, of Our Council in Maryland as follow's Viz.

Gentlemen.

The Experience which You have had, in the Affairs of Our Province, gives you Ability to Serve us. The Confidence we have in Your Fidelity, has caused us, to Constitute You of Our Council, and Your Govern<sup>r</sup> will herewith deliver you, Our Commission, Do Your Duty to us, and you may Expect all Favours from

S<sup>rs</sup> Your affectionate Friends  
Guilford  
Baltemore

Which being read.

The said Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> Col Thomas Addison and L<sup>t</sup> Col. Richard Tilghman, tooke the Oaths to the King appointed by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, the Oath appointed by the fifth and Sixth of Queen Anne, for securing her Mat<sup>ys</sup> Person and Government, and the Succession to the Crowne of Great Britain in the Protestant Line, which they Subscribed as also the Test, and then tooke the Oath of a Councillor, of State, within this Province.

His Excellency acquainted the Gentlemen of his Lordship's Council, that M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Hemsley the wife of M<sup>r</sup> Philemon Hemsley, a liver in this Towne, having by some strange Means found or got into her Hands, a Letter wrote by a Popist Preist, in this City, to another Dated near three Years agoe, which she had kept from his Excellency's Knowledge,