

U. H. J. Subjects let us in our Several Stations act like men of that noble Excellent Character; And let that Magistrate be Stigmatized with Infamy who ever Connives at or Countenances any Sort of Knavery, Atheism or disloyalty and when ever you will heartily and Sincerely Endeavour to bring this great work about I should by the blessing of God Gentlemen never doubt of seeing the Country flourish & improve, for then the Heathens round about us would never mock at our Religion as Hypocrisy and the rest of the World will see know and be Convinced; to your lasting Glory that the People of Maryland truly Serve God and with a dutiful Regard Honour our lawful and rightful Sovereign the Queen

And then M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Delegates took leave and returned to their House

The honble Col Holland M<sup>r</sup> Young Col Greenfield & M<sup>r</sup> Lynes being impowered by a Special Dedimus potestatem under the great Seale were sent by his Excell to administer the Oaths to the Members of the Lower House and see them sign the Test &c.

Who after some time return & say they administred the Oaths to thirty four of their members and saw them Sign the declaration for Extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales & sign the Test

P. 559 Major General Lloyd & Col Coursey took the Oaths required by Law and Signed the Declaration & Test

M<sup>r</sup> Philemon Hemsley and M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Dare presented M<sup>r</sup> Richard Dallam to his Excell in Council who took the Oaths of Allegiance & Oath of Clerk of the House of Delegates and signed the Declaration & Test

The Board adjourned 'till to morrow morning nine of the Clock

Tuesday November the 30th 1708

The Council met according to Adjournm<sup>t</sup> last night

Present as yesterday

M<sup>r</sup> Whittington and M<sup>r</sup> Covington present M<sup>r</sup> James Phillips M<sup>r</sup> Richard Colegate & M<sup>r</sup> Aquila Paca Members Elected for Baltimore County to be sworn who accordingly took the Oaths & Subscribed the Test & Declaration

Col Holland and M<sup>r</sup> Lynes sent to the House of Delegates with her Majesty's Letter & order in favour of S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Lawrence the Attorney General S<sup>r</sup> Simon Harcourts Report on S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Petition and a paragraph of the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Trade & Plantations Letter of the second of September 1708 and her Majesty's order in Council for the repeale of the two Laws about masters cropping Hhds Tob<sup>o</sup> on board their Ships