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Be it Remembered that on the 23^d day of August in the sixteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a and in the 28th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon &c^a Annoq Domini 1742 At the Council Chamber in the City of Annapolis appeared the Honourable Thomas Bladen Esq^r in Presence of the Honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Edmund Jenings Esq^r Col^o Charles Hammond and Philip Thomas Esq^r Members of his Lordships Council and produced his said Lordships Commission Constituting and appointing him the said Thomas Bladen Esq^r Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon in America and also Commander in Chief both by Sea and Land of all the Forces raised or to be raised in the said Provinces, which being published and read is Ordered to be Recorded in the Secretarys Office

His Excellency the Governor then took the several Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province as also the Oath following

I Thomas Bladen do swear that I will be true and faithful to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore the true and Absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province of Maryland and his Heirs and him and them his and their Rights Royal Jurisdictions and Signiorys all and every of them in to and over this his Province of Maryland the Islands and Territories thereto belonging I will at all times defend and maintain to the utmost of my Power and will never accept any Place Office or Employment within the said Province any ways concerning or relating to the Government thereof from any Person or Authority but by from or under a Lawful Authority derived or to be derived from his said Lordship his Heirs or Assigns, I will faithfully serve his said Lordship as his Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province and in all other Offices committed to my Charge by his said Lordships Commission or Commissions to me and will willingly Yield up the said Commission or Commissions again and all Offices Powers and Authorities Granted or to be Granted by them or any of them into the hands of his said Lordship his Heirs and Assigns or to such Person or Persons as he or they shall appoint whensoever he or they shall ap-

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