

tary Governour of Maryland from granting the Commission L. H. J.
 under Consideration and knowing likewise very well that the
 said Lord Prop^{ty}'s Ancestors all wayes gave such Commissions
 themselves and not their L^{ts} or deputy Governours and that
 the execution of those Commissions was alwayes Committed to
 the Lord Prop^{ty}'s receiver Generall and as for the Act of the
 7th and 8th of King William the Lord Prop^{ty} and the Lord
 Guilford his Guardian ordered him to write to the Com^{rs} of
 his Ma^{ty}'s Customs in London in order to qualifie himself pur-
 suant to that Act which he has accordingly done, as appears
 by an Instrument from the said Commissioners

Q 2^d Whether he did not acquaint the Secretary to the Hon^{ble} p. 189
 Com^{rs} of his Ma^{ty}'s Customes when he came to present his
 Commission relateing to the Naval office and to have his secur-
 ity for executeing thereof approved that he would take the
 oaths appointed by law when he came upon the place where
 he was to execute the said Commission and whether he ever
 Informed the Com^{rs} of his Ma^{ty}'s Customes that he was a
 Roman Catholick or not.

Answer That he did not tell the Secretary of the Com^{rs}
 what he would doe when he came upon the place of Execute-
 ing his Com^{on} because he thought it needless to tell he would
 doe what was necessary the granting of the Commission and
 the acceptance thereof must be supposed to be in the exe-
 cution attended with all necessary and Required Qualifications
 and that there is no oaths required by the Statutes in the first
 Quere mentioned but what he is ready and willing to take
 and knows it is requisite he should take an oath for the true
 and punctual discharge of his office which he is ready to doe
 That the Com^{rs} of his Ma^{ty}'s Customes did not require him to
 make a profession of his faith and that he believes it would
 be look't upon as Impertinent in him to goe about it before
 that board

Q. 3^d How came he to take upon him the office of Escheator
 General in this province (which is an office of record) and the
 office of Navall officer as well as receiver general of the pub-
 lick revenue of this Province when he knew his Intention of
 not takeing the oaths of abjuration Injoynd to be taken and
 subscribed by all persons within this Province holding or
 Enjoying any office or place of trust within the same as by
 the tenor of a certain Act of Assembly of this Province made
 in the 2^d year of her late Majesty's reigne Entituled an Act for
 repealing a Clause in an Act of Assembly Intituled an Act for
 Establishment of religious Worship in this Province and also
 for appointing the oaths of Abjuration to be taken in this
 province which is now in full force and unrepealed and which