

Continuance of the Monarchy of Great-Britain, the Preservation of the Protestant Religion, the Maintainance of the Church, the Security of the ancient and undoubted Rights and Liberties, and the future Peace and Tranquility of the Kingdom, do, (under God,) entirely depend upon the good and wholesome Laws heretofore made for the Limitation and Succession of the Crown in the Protestant Line, and the securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, And Offices in that Government, which they would not oblige themselves to defend, by taking the Several Oaths therein directed, has been thought an effectual Step towards the obtaining the aforesaid happy Ends:

II. And whereas this present General Assembly think themselves indispensably obliged to do their Part in securing to his Lordship, (the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary) and the good People of this Province, their Share in these inestimable Benefits, which are so vastly advantageous to Great-Britain, and consequently agreeable to all the Dominions thereto belonging, but especially to us who are under the immediate Government of a Protestant Lord Proprietor, And that nothing can be more effectual to secure to his Lordship the quiet and peaceable Enjoyment of his Government, and Property secured, which has of late been daringly threatened by Persons disaffected to the Protestant Succession, who have openly in Treasonable Manner taken upon them to give the pretended Prince of Wales, the Title of King of Great Britain, and drunk his Health as such, And that no better Expedient can be found to obviate the wicked Designs and Expectations of such disaffected Persons to our present happy Establishment, than to act (as near as may be,) to the great Pattern which the British Legislature has set before us: In pursuance whereof, the Legislature of this Province, when under the more immediate Government of the Crown, (to wit) in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Four, thought fit, by an Act then made to oblige all Persons who then had, or thereafter should have any Office or Place of Trust within this Province, to take the Oath, commonly called the Oath of Abjuration; and for that the several Oaths directed to be taken by the Act made in the First Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown, &c. are by this present General Assembly thought equally necessary,

III. Be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That the following Oaths shall be administered to, and taken by, all Persons that already