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Be it remembered that on the tenth day of August in the Twenty Seventh year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. and in the third Year of the Dominion of the Right honourable Frederick Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon &c. Anno Domini 1753, At the Council Chamber in the City of Annapolis Appeared the honourable Horatio Sharpe Esquire and in the Presence of the Honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> Col George Plater Edmund Jenings Esq<sup>r</sup> Col Charles Hammond Col. Benjamin Tasker and Benedict Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Members of his Lordships Council, produced his said Lordships Commission bearing date at London the Seventeenth day of March Anno Domini 1753 constituting and appointing him the said Horatio Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of the Province 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 Horatio Sharpe do swear that I will be true & faithful to the Right Honourable Frederick 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 & Seignories all and Every of them into 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 anyways 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 and Assigns; I will faithfully Serve his Lordship as his Governor or Commander in Chief of the said Province and in all other Offices committed to my