

L. H. J. However our House having consulted M^r Attorney Generall upon that part of the Oath relating to the King's Letters, who gave it as his opinion that the inserting that Clause of the Letters in the Oath can be no prejudice to the Charter of this province, We are therefore willing to Concurr with you in that particular notwithstanding our former precaution therein.

Gentlemen. We are very sensible of the Great Charge which this Sessions will bring upon the Country and are therefore willing to bring the busieness to as Speedy a Conclusion as possible without giving any Just Cause to our Country of laying any ill Steps at our Door, and as a Convincing Evidence thereof, We have prepar'd such a Draught of an Oath as will in our opinion prove most agreeable to the office of a Judge as well as the Security of our Constitution, which we are as Desirous of preserving as it is possible for any of your House to be We do not Condemn your Vigilancy in that point but we think it very hard that you should do us the injustice of Suspecting us either as an Upper House or as his L^{pps} Council of State to be Enemies to it; We therefore propose the Draught of the Oath herewith sent you to be taken by all the Judges of the Courts of Law.

Sign'd p order Sam^l Skippon Cl Up. Ho.

I A. B. do Swear that as a Justice of the Court in
 in Maryland in all Articles of his L^{pps} Commission
 to me directed I will do equall Law & Right to all the Kings
 Subjects Rich and poor according to the reasonable Laws
 Statutes & Customs of England and the Acts of Assembly
 and usages of the province of Maryland I will not delay any
 person of Comon Right for the Letters of the King or the
 Lord Prop^{ty} or of any other person whatsoever nor for any
 p. 184 other Cause, and in Case any Letters shall come to me Con-
 trary to Law I will do nothing by them, but Cause them to
 be Entred upon Record and Certify the King, the Lord Prop^{ty}
 or the Governour for the time being of them, and will proceed
 to Execute the Law notwithstanding the same Letters, I
 will hold the Courts according to the Acts of Assembly and the
 Directions in my Commission; I will do and procure the
 profits of the Lord Prōp^{ty} in all things, where I may Law-
 fully & reasonably do the same; I will not Debarr nor hinder
 the prosecution of Justice; nor take any Gift Bribe or ffee
 for delaying or hindring Judgment, But will behave myself
 Justly honestly & faithfully to the best of my knowledge &
 understanding so long as I shall continue in the said office.
 So help me God.