

land might have been able to inform his Council of State here U. H. J. whether such Alteration which related only to that of the Kings Letter might be consistent with his Lordships Charter which we are of Opinion is of Great Security both to the Liberty and rights of the People of this province We leave it therefore to any impartial Judge upon due recollection of the matter whether we have failed in our duty and not rather done the Part of true Patriotts as well as of faithful counsellors of State. However our House having consulted M^r Attorney General upon that part of the Oath relating to the Kings Letters who Gave it as his Opinion that the Inserting that Clause of the Letters in the Oath of A Judge can be of no Prejudice to the Charter of this Province we are therefore willing to concur with you in that Particular notwithstanding our former precaution therein

Gentlemen We are very sensible of the Great Charge which this Session will bring upon the Country and are therefore p. 155 willing to bring this Business 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 prepared such a draught of an Oath as will in our opinions 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 its 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 Lordships 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

Signed p order. S. Skippon Cl. Up Ho.

Sent by Col^o Holland and Col^o Young with the following draught of an Oath

I A B do Swear that as a Justice of the County Court in County in the Province of Maryland or as a Justice of the Provincial Court in the Province of Maryland In all Articles of his Lordships Commissions to me directed I will do equal Law and right to all the Kings Subjects rich and Poor according to the reasonable Laws Statutes and Customs of England and the Acts of Assembly & Usages of the Province of Maryland I will not delay any person of common Right for the Letters of the King the Lord Proprietary or any other person whatsoever nor for any other cause and in case any Letters shall come to me contrary to Law I will do nothing by them but cause them to be entred on Record & certify the King, the Lord Proprietary or Governor for the