

Session
Laws of every One Hundred Pounds Sterling; and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Sum, which such Person or Persons shall pay in Gold or Silver as aforesaid; and the Officer or Officers making such Allowance, shall be accountable for no more than he shall receive after such Allowance made as aforesaid.

And to prevent the Changing of Gold and Silver carried from out of this Province into another, in order to have the Benefit of this Act,

Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That every Person or Persons, claiming the Deduction of Fifteen per Cent. as aforesaid, shall, before he or they shall have any Advantage thereof by this Act, take the following Oath (*mutatis mutandis*) before the Officers appointed to receive the same Duties, Rates, and Impositions, who are hereby impowered and directed to tender the same, viz.

I A. B. Do swear, That the Sum of Gold and Silver which I now pay, in Discharge of the Rates, Duties, and Impositions for the Goods and Commodities by me imported at this Time of Entry, was imported by me into this Province, and not purchased or procured by my self or any other Person for my Use in this Province, nor was ever carried from out of this Province by my self or any other Person for my Use, with Design of bringing it back again for the Allowance of Fifteen per Cent. on the Duties arising upon the Commodities by me now imported; nor that the same Gold or Silver hath been Exchanged, or obtained by Barter, or in any Manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, by my self, or any other Person, for any Sum or Sums of Money in Gold or Silver exported or carried from the Province of Maryland, by me, or any other Person, to the best of my Knowledge.

So help me God.

p. 17 And that the Officer or Officers, who shall allow the said Fifteen Pounds per Cent. as aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby obliged and directed to make Oath, before he or they pass his or their Accounts to be administred by one Provincial Justice, or two Justices of the County Courts, that the Sum or Sums of Money for which the said Officer or Officers shall crave the Allowances of Fifteen Pounds per Cent. as aforesaid, in his or their Accounts, was or were, bona fide, paid by the Person or Persons directed as aforesaid, to pay the same to the said Officer or Officers: And that the Oath before directed to be taken by such Person or Persons, was taken by such Person or Persons at the Time of such Payment; and which Oath being certified by the said Justice or Justices, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Treasurer or Treasurers to allow the Deduc-