

the Second, & in the 15th year of our Dominion over the s^d provinces, Calvert
Annoq Domⁿⁱ 1731. Papers

The Form of the Oath Administer'd to the New Governor. viz. p. 53

I. A : B : Do Swear that I will be true & faithful to the R^t Hon^{ble}
 Lord Baron of Baltimore the true Absolute Lord & Proprietary
 of this Province of Maryland, & his Heirs, & Him & Them, & his &
 their Rights, Royal Jurisdictions & Seignories all & every of into
 & over this his Province of Maryland the Islands & Territories
 thereunto belonging I will at all times Defend & Maintain to the
 utmost of my power, & will never Accept any place Office or Employ-
 ment within the s^d province any way concerning or relating to the
 Governm^t thereof, from any person or Authority but by from or
 under a Lawful Authority derived or to be derived from his s^d Lordsp
 as his Governor or Comander in Chief of the s^d Province, & in all
 other Offices comitted to my charge by his s^d Ldsp's Comm^{on} or
 Comm^{ons} to me, & will willingly yield up the s^d Com^{on} or Com^{ons}
 again & all offices Powers & Authoritys granted or to be granted
 by them or any of them into the Hands of his s^d Ldsp & his Heirs
 & Assigns or to such person or persons as He or they shall appoint
 whomsoever He or They shall appoint me so to do, & shall signify
 the Same unto me; and will not presume to put in Execution or
 Attempt to Execute any Office Power or Authority granted unto me
 by any of the s^d Commissions after that his said Lordship or his
 Heirs & Assigns Lords & Proprietaries of the s^d Province shall repeal
 them or any of them respectively, & that the s^d repeals be publish'd
 within this Province; I will do equal Right & Justice to the poor & to
 the Rich within this Province to the best of my skill Judgement &
 Power according to the Laws & Ordinances of the s^d Province, & in
 Default thereof according to my Conscience & best Discretion & the
 power granted or to be Granted unto me by his said Lordship's p. 54
 Comm^{on} or Comm^{ons}, I will not for fear favor or Affection, or
 any other cause hinder or Delay Justice to any, but will truly
 execute the s^d office & Offices respectively according to his s^d Ldsp's
 Com^{on} to me in that Behalf & to the true Intent & meaning thereof
 & not otherwise, to the best of my understanding & Judgement; I
 will not know of any Attempt against his s^d Ldsp's person or his
 Right & Dominion into or over the s^d Province or the people therein,
 but I will prevent Resist or oppose it to the utmost of my power &
 make the same known with all convenient speed to his s^d Ldsp; &
 I will in all things from time to time as occasion shall require faith-
 fully counsel & advise his s^d Lordship according to my Heart & Con-
 science. So Help me God.

His Lordship to C^s Calvert Commissary General D^r Calvert p. 41

I am glad to find you are easier than you were; You may Depend
 on my Friendship, & hope you never will lay me under the necessity