

N<sup>o</sup> 2 Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> being sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposeth, That when he the said Thomas Bladen offer'd the Rev. Thomas Chase the Induction of S<sup>t</sup> Paul's parish, in Baltimore County, he the said Thomas Bladen at the same time proposed to him to give his Bond for the payment of 26000 pounds of Tobacco to M<sup>rs</sup> Bourdillion, Widow of the last Incumbent, payable in Two years: which he the said Chase readily consented to; which Bond he accordingly executed, knowing it to be for the said Sum of Twenty six Thousand weight of Tobacco. And this Deponent further says upon his Oath, That there never pass'd one Sillable between him and the said Chase, relating to a Bond of Resignation, or for any other purpose, but as above mentioned.

L. H. J.  
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Sworn to, the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 1747 Before ——— Brice.

N<sup>o</sup> 3 Edmund Jenings, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth, and saith, That Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> late Governor of this Province, having acquainted this Deponent with his Intentions of giving an Induction to the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Chase, into a parish then vacant in Baltimore County, and that he was desirous of making some provision for the widow or ffamily of M<sup>r</sup> Bourdillion, the late Incumbent, advised with this Deponent, whether it would be legal to take a Bond from M<sup>r</sup> Chase, for securing Twenty six Thousand, or some such quantity of Tobacco, to M<sup>rs</sup> Bourdillion, widow of the said late Incumbent? on which this Deponent gave his opinion, that such Bond would be legal, and justifiable in Law. And this Deponent further saith, that either then, or some short time after, the said M<sup>r</sup> Bladen desired this Deponent to draw a Bond for the payment of Twenty six Thousand pounds of Tobacco to M<sup>rs</sup> Bourdillion, by the said Chase; and which Bond this Deponent accordingly wrote and Carried it, in Company with the said Chase, from this Deponent's own House, to the then Governor's; where the said Chase Executed the same in the presence of this Deponent, and John Raitt, and this Deponent further saith, That the said Chase, did come to this Deponent at his House, about the said Bond, and acquainted this Deponent, That he was to give a Bond for the payment of the aforesaid Quantity of Tobacco to M<sup>rs</sup> Bourdillion; but this Deponent absolutely denies, that he this Deponent, ever thought, or said, or told the said Chase, that a Bond of Resignation was expected from him, or to any such purpose; for, that on the Contrary, this Deponent very well remembers, he asked M<sup>r</sup> Bladen, at the time he desired him to Draw the said Bond for the said Tobacco, whether M<sup>r</sup> Chase was to give also a Bond of Resignation? and M<sup>r</sup> Bladen answered, he should not desire a Bond of Resignation from the said Chase. This Deponent cannot remember all the particular Conversation passed between the said Chase and this Deponent; but this Deponent possitively declares, the said Chase very well knew, and was thoroughly apprised of the