

I will be true and faithful unto his said Lordship, the true and absolute Proprietary of this Province of Maryland; and to his Heirs and Successors, and him and them, and his and their Rights, Royal Jurisdiction, and Seigniorie, and every of them, into and over the said Province, and Islands thereunto belonging, will at all Times, during my Continuance in the said Trust, as a Counsellor, defend and maintain, to the utmost of my Power; the Peace and Welfare of the People of this Province I will ever procure, as far as I can; I will aid and assist the Administration of Justice in all Things to my Power; to none will I delay or deny Right, for Fear, Favour, or Affection; I will, to my best Skill, and according to my Heart and Conscience, give good and faithful Counsel to the said Lord Proprietary, and his Heirs and Successors, and to his and their Lieutenant, or chief Governor of this Province, when thereunto I shall be called: I will keep secret all Matters committed or revealed to me as Secrets in Council, or which shall be there moved or debated, secretly and faithfully declare my Mind and Opinion therein, according to my Heart and Conscience: And if any of the said Treaties and Counsels shall touch any of the Privy Counsellors of this Province, I will not reveal the same unto him so touched or concerned, but will keep the same secret, until such Time as by the Consent of the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant, or chief Governor here, for the Time being, Proclamation may be made thereof. So help me God.

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The Chancellor acts by Virtue of the Delivery of the Great Seal to him, and takes the following Oath. [No. 2.]

I A. B. do swear, that as Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal of this Province, I will well and truly serve his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and do equal Right to all his Majesty's Subjects, to the best of my Understanding, Skill, and Knowledge: I shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice, nor take any Gift, Bribe, Reward, or Fee, for the delaying thereof; but will behave myself justly and truly, and bear, act, judge, decree, and determine all Matters that shall regularly come before me for Determination, according to Equity and good Conscience, according to the Duty of my said Office, and according to the best of my Knowledge, during my Continuance in the said Office, or until I shall by lawful Authority be discharged therefrom. So help me God.

Copy. J. Ross, Reg. Cur. Can.

For the Honourable the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice. [No. 3.]

Gentlemen,

I Acquainted the Secretary with your Request to have the Oath of Secretary laid before you; and I am directed to inform you, that