

on or before the 29th Day of September next, or before they or any of them enter on their several Offices respectively, shall, and they are hereby required to take the following Oaths before some Provincial or County Magistrate, in Manner and form following; that is to say,

L. H. J.
Liber No. 47
June 5

The Oath of a Counsellor,

I A. B. as a Member of his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Council within this Province, do swear, that 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 Seigniory, 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 unto 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 Oath of Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal.

I A. B. do swear, that as Chancellor or 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 hear, 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.