

Heretofore I have sworn do. deposed upon my oath that having been about three years Comissa^r & Gen^l under his
 Deumbe 24th 1696th Ex^{cy} Colond Niche Gon his Ma^{ty} p^{nt} Govorn^r of this Provin^d of Maryland, and also one of the Magstrs in
 in Chancery for some time & one of his Ma^{ty} Justices for St. Marys County Court in the Provin^d, that his
 Ex^{cy} did never advise council or by any way or means influence me in any of his^{es} Affairs, to do otherwise but what
 I was obliged by law and equity to do, & did always advise me to act therein according to the best of my Skill &
 Knowledge, in the same, and further that he granted me the place without any consideration given, & because
 same was granted of his own free will, & by advice of the Hon^{ble} Council of this Provin^d;

Jurat in Curia die 28th Anno 1696th Heretofore
 Wm. Chesley Esq^r
 Bro^r & Justice

I Underwritten do. testify that I have been some years in his Ma^{ty} Service in this Provin^d as Col^l Gen^l
 And by p^{nt} Govorn^r & Condu^t and his Comand and during that time I have been often Comanded to attend his
 Ex^{cy} but in all that time I can say that his Ex^{cy} never required Advice or Comanded me to prosecute or do
 anything contrary to or ag^t Law or ever Comanded me to shaine or U^g any thing ag^t any Man contrary to or beyond
 the Law but the best of my remembrance hath constantly and at all times Comanded me to proceed according to the
 Law but never as I know U^g me to anything beyond what the Law warranteth and the best of my
 Knowledge I have not acted in the Service contrary to Law

Jurat in Curia die 12th Dec^{is} 1696th Wm. Chesley Esq^r
Willm. Dent

I John Freeman (who have been for 2th year of two years and almost three Months, and am still, Register of the High
 Court of Chancery for the Provin^d of Maryland) do upon my oath and with all Sincerity testify and declare, that
 his Ex^{cy} Francis Niche Gon Esq^r Capt. Gen^l & Govorn^r of this Provin^d did never directly nor indirectly
 by any Comand, or any other means whatsoever, Enjoin or require me to act or do any matter or thing contrary
 unto the Law, Statute, Usage or Custom of England, or of this Provin^d. nor to use partiality for or ag^t any person
 in any Case, Comand or dependency in the Court, And in all doubtful or difficult Cases where in by reason of
 the Absence of Chancellour or other Officers principally concerned I have been hesitated to request his
 Ex^{cy} directions, This only Answer have I always received (to wit) that it was his pleasure & Comand that
 I should consult the Law and advise with the Professors thereof: and upon such Information act according to their
 Instructions, and the Decrees, rules and Orders of his Ma^{ty} High Court of Chancery, without respect of persons
 or delay of Causes, nor do I know or believe that his Ex^{cy} ever received any gift, what so ever, from any person
 to confer any place or Office, or favour any Cause. nor do I believe that any of his Ma^{ty} Subjects in this
 Provin^d have any cause to complain ag^t his Ex^{cy} Govorn^r. I say that whosoever do harshly suffer in
 Sworn & 14th 1696th before Bro^r & Justices in Open Court John Freeman Reg^r in Ch^{ancery}
 at Annapolis Wm. Chesley Esq^r

I Underwritten do. testify that I have been employed as Attorney Gen^l of this Provin^d, and his Ex^{cy}
 p^{nt} Govorn^r ever since his Arrival in this Provin^d & that I never had any instructions or advise from his
 Ex^{cy} during the time about 3th either directly or indirectly to prosecute any Honor or Action ag^t them and that
 I never was asked for had or demanded of me any gratification or reward for my place of Attorney Gen^l, And I
 do further declare upon my oath that being Solicitor and Receiver of Betwixt Dignity I never was directed by his
 Ex^{cy} the Govorn^r to advance or misapply any m^o or Allowance for his Ex^{cy} interest more than he had received
 or to do or act any thing or thing as follow^{eth} and receive a force contrary to the Law

12th Dec^{is} 1696th George Blater
 Then came by about named George Blater Esq^r and made oath upon the
 holy Evangelist that he contents above is the truth: Wm. Chesley Esq^r