

MARYLAND.

At a Sessions of Assembly begun and held at the Town and Port of Annapolis in Ann-Arundel County the 26th Day of April in the Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ANNE by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c. Annoq^{ue} Domini 1704 his EXCELLENCY JOHN SETMOUR Esq^{ue} being Governour were Enacted the following Laws.

An Act of Recognition.

WE Your Majestys most Humble and Loyal Subjects of this Your Majestys Province of MARYLAND the Governour Council and Assembly do beseech your most Excellent Majesty that it may be published and declared by the Governour Council and Assembly and Enacted by the Authority of the same. That we do Recognize and Acknowledge Your Majesty is and of Right ought to be by the Laws of the Realm of ENGLAND our Sovereign Leige Lady Queen of England Scotland France & Ireland and the Dominions thereunto belonging in and to whose Princely Person the Royal Estate Crown and Dignity of the said Realms with all Honours, Stiles, Titles, Regalities, Prerogatives, Powers, Jurisdictions and Authoritys to the same belonging and appertaining are most fully, rightfully, lawfully and intirely invested and incorporated limited and annexed.

An Act for Repealing a Clause in an Act of Assembly Intituled an Act for Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province &c. and also for appointing the Oaths of Abjuration to be taken in this Province.

FORASMUCH as the pretended Prince of Wales hath for some time & still doth continue to assume to himself the title of King of England and the Dominions thereunto belonging by the Name of James the Third, therefore for the better security of her Majesty in her just Rights and Sovereignty in and over the Province of Maryland and for extinguishing all hopes of the Friends and Adherents of the said pretended Prince. Be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of her Majestys Governour Council & Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same, that from and after the conclusion of this present Sessions of Assembly the Oath of Abjuration shall be administered to all persons that already have or shall hereafter be admitted to have or enjoy any Office or place of Trust within this Province in such manner and form as is herein after Recited, (that is to say)

I: A: B: do truly and sincerely acknowledge profess testify and declare in my Conscience before God and the World that our Sovereign Lady Queen ANNE Lawful and Rightful Queen of the Realm of England and of all other her Majestys Dominions and Countreys thereunto belonging, and I do Solemnly and Sincerely declare that I do believe in my Conscience that the person pretended to be Prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James and since his decease pretending taking upon himself the title and title of King of England by the Name of James the Third hath not any right or title whatsoever to the Crown of the Realm or any other of the Dominions thereunto belonging, and I do renounce and forswear any Allegiance or Obedience to him, and I do Swear that I will bear true Allegiance to her Majesty Queen ANNE and her will defend to the utmost of my power against all trayterous Conspiracys and Attempts whatsoever made against her Person Crown or Dignity, and I will do my best Endeavour to disclose & make known to her Majesty & her Successors all Treasons & Conspiracys which I shall know to be against her or any of them, and I promise to the utmost of my power to support maintain & defend the succession of the Crown against him the said James and all other persons claiming the same is & stands limited by an Act Intituled an Act declaring the right of the Protestant Subjects & settling the succession of the Crown to her present Majesty Queen ANNE being Protestants, and as the same by one other Act Intituled an Act for limitation of the Crown & better securing the Rights & Libertys of the Protestant Subjects limited after the decease of her Majesty, and for default of Issue Male of her Highness Princess Sophia Ele Storeys & Dutchess Dowager of Hannover being Protestants, and all these things I do plainly & sincerely declare according to these express words by me spoken & according to the true Understanding of the same words with out any equivocation or Mental Reservation whatsoever, and I do so swear.