

The Pretenders  
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Rights.

doth continue to assume to himself the Title of the King of England, and the Dominions thereto belonging, by the Name of *James the third*, therefore for the better Security of his Majesty in his 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,

The Oath of Ab-  
juration to be  
taken by all in  
Office.

Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Governour, Council and 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)

The Form

I A. B. do Truly and Sincerely Acknowledge, Profess, Testify and Declare in my Conscience, before God and the World, That our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE is Lawful and Rightful King of the Realm of Great Britain, and of all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereto belonging. And I do Solemnly and Sincerley 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 to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of England, by the the Name of *James the Third*, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of the Realm of Great Britain, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging. And I do Renounce, Refuse and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him. And I do Swear, That I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty KING GEORGE, and Him will Defend to the utmost of my Power, against all Traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity. And I will do my Best Endeavour to Disclose and make Known to His Majesty, and his Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against Him or any of them. And I do Faithfully Promise, to the utmost of my Prower, to Support, Maintain and Defend the Limitation and Succession of the Crown against him the said James, and all other Persons whatsoever, as the same is and stands limited by an Act, entituled, *An Act declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject and settling the Succession of the Crown to her present Majesty, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants*; And as the same by one other Act, entituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better Securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject*, is, and stands limited after the Decease of her Majesty, and for default of Issue of her Majesty, to the Princess *Sophia*, Electress and Dutches Dowager of *Hannover*, and the Heirs of her Body; being Protestants. And all these Things I do plainly and Sincerely Acknowledg and Swear, according to these Express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation or mental Evasion or secret Reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation and Promise heartily, willingly and truly, upon the True Faith of a Christian,

*So help me G O D.*

And that without the taking and subscribing which Oath, no person