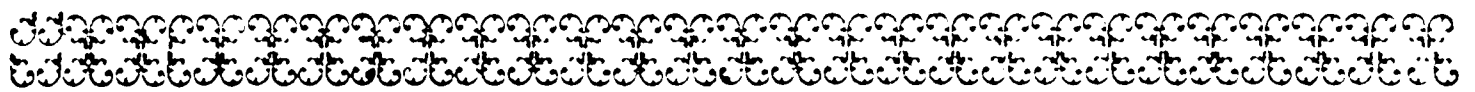


and Enacted by the Authority of the same, That we, being bound thereto both by the Laws of God and Man, do recognize and acknowledge, and hereby express our unspeakable Joys, that immediately upon the Dissolution and Decease of our late Sovereign Lady Queen *Anne*, of Pious Memory, the Imperial Crown of the Realm of *Great Britain*, and of all the Kingdoms, Dominions, and Rights belonging to the same, did, by lawful and undoubted Succession in the true Protestant Line, appertain and of Right belong to Your most Excellent Majesty ; and that You are, and of Right ought to be, by the Laws of Your Realm of *Great Britain*, our most Gracious Sovereign Liege Lord *George*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. in and to whose Princely Person and Progeny, Your Successors in the Protestant Line, as by Law Established, the Royal Estate, Crown and Dignity of the aforesaid Realms and Dominions, with all Honours, Stiles, Titles, Regalities, Prerogatives, Powers, Jurisdictions, and Authorities, to the same belonging, are most lawfully and intirely invested and incorporated, united, and for ever annexed : And thereunto we most humbly and faithfully do submit and oblige our selves, our Heirs and Posterities for ever, until the last Drop of our Blood be spent ; and do beseech Your Majesty to accept hereof, as the First-Fruits in this General Assembly, of our Loyalty and Faith to Your Majesty and Your Royal Progeny for ever.

*Pass'd May 4th, 1715.*



№ 55. *An Act for Repealing a Clause in an Act of Assembly, Intituled, An Act for the 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, and 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 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 ; Be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Governor, Council, and Assembly of this Province, and the Authority of the same, That, from and after the Conclusion of this present Session 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, Testifie, 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 thereunto belonging. And I do solemnly and sincerely Declare, That I do believe in my Conscience,