

Appointing the Oath of Abjuration.

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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 traitorous 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 traitorous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him, or any of them. And I do faithfully promise, to the utmost of my Power, 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, intituled, 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, intituled, 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 Duchess Dowager of Hanover, and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestants. And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge 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 GOD.

And that without the taking and subscribing which Oath, no Person shall be capable of holding, executing or enjoying any Office or Trust within this Province whatsoever.

Without which, to be incapable.

II. And whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, made the sixteenth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and One, intituled, (a) An Act for Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province, &c. it was Enacted, (b) That all Vestrymen should subscribe the Association, before they should be admitted to the Execution of that Office: But forasmuch as by the Death of his most Sacred Majesty King William the Third, the subscribing the said Association is not necessary to be longer continued; Be it therefore Enacted, That such Part thereof, and Clause in the before-recited Act of Assembly, which relates to the Vestrymen's subscribing the Association, and no more, is hereby Repealed and declared void.

Association, and the Clause enjoining it, void.

III. And it is further Enacted by the Authority and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons that are at this present Time Vestrymen in this Province, and all other Person or Persons that for the Time to come shall be elected or chosen Vestrymen, shall take the before-recited Oath of Abjuration, and that

Oath of Abjuration to be taken by Vestrymen, &c.

(a) See No 1.

(b) § 6.