

Oaths and Test to be taken by all Officers.

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blishment, than to act (as near as may be) according to the Great Pattern which the *British* Legislature has set before us. In Pursuance whereof, the Legislature of his Province, when under the more immediate Government of the Crown, to wit, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and four, thought fit, by an Act then made, to oblige all Persons who then had, or thereafter should have any Office or Place of Trust within this Province, to take the Oath commonly called, *The Oath of Abjuration*; and for that the several Oaths directed to be taken by the Act made in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown, &c. are by this present General Assembly thought equally necessary; Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That the following Oaths shall be administered to, and taken by all Persons that already have or hereafter shall be admitted to have or enjoy any Office or Place of Trust within this Province, in the Manner following:

By following the Pattern of the British Legislature.

Act in 1704.

For taking Abjuration Oath. Oaths to be taken by the Statute of 1 Geo. equally necessary;

And therefore to be taken by all Officers.

**I** A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful, and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King GEORGE.

The Form of the Oath of Allegiance.

So help me GOD.

**I** A. B. do swear, That I do from my Heart abhor, detest and abjure, as Impious and Heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare, That no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Pre-eminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual, within the Kingdom of Great Britain, or any the Dominions thereto belonging.

Abhorrency.

So help me GOD.

**I** A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowlege, 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 all other Dominions and Countries 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 to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of England, by the Name of James the Third, or of Scotland, by the Name of James the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of Great Britain, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of the Realm of Great Britain, or any other the Dominions thereto 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

Abjuration.

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See Stat. 1 W. & M. c. 8. § 12. P. 1527.

See Stat. 6 An. c. 7. § 2c. P. 2536.