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Oaths and Test to be taken by all Officers.

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 utmost 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 Power, to support, maintain and defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said James, and all other Persons whatsoever; which Succession, by an 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 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, 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.

To be subscribed.

And that without the taking the forementioned Oaths, and subscribing the Oath of Abjuration, and making and subscribing the Declaration following,

And the Test.

I A. B. do declare, That I do believe that there is not any Transubstantiation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or in the Elements of Bread and Wine, at or after the Consecration thereof, by any Person whatsoever,

Before whom to be taken.

before some one of the Members of his Lordship's Honourable Council within this Province for the Time being, or a Justice of the Provincial or County-Courts, or before some Court of Record within this Province (who are hereby authorized, impowered and required to administer the same, if applied to) no Person or Persons whatsoever shall be capable of holding, executing or enjoying any Office, Deputation or Trust within this Province whatsoever. And in case any Person or Persons whatsoever shall presume to execute or enjoy any such Office, Deputation or Trust, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this present Act, the Commission, Deputation or Authority of such Person or Persons, is not only hereby declared to be utterly void *ab Initio*, but also he or they so acting or offending, shall forfeit to his Lordship, the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, his Heirs and Successors, Two hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling, one half to be applied to the Use of Free Schools within this Province, the other half to the Informer, or to him or them that shall sue for the same; to be recovered in any Court of Record within this Province, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, wherein no Elloign, Protection or Wager of Law to be

Officers incapable without taking the Oaths, &c.

And their Commissions void, *ab Initio*.

And shall forfeit 250 l. Sterling. One half to Free Schools, and half to the Informer.

See Stat. 2.
30 Car. II.
C. 1. § 3.
P. 1486.

allowed.