

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, bath 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 a'jure any Alegiance 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 aganst 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 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, 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 'or Default of Issue of Her Majesty, to the Princess Sophia, Electress and Dutchess Dowager of Hannover, 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 Sence 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 shall be capable of holding, executing or enjoying any Office of Trust within this Province whatsoever.

Without which to be incapable.

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, entituled, *An Act for Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province, &c* it was enacted, That all Vestry-men 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,

Association and the Clause enjoining it, void.

Be it therefore Enacted, That such Part thereof, and Clause in the before-recited Act of Assembly, which relates to the Vestry-men's subscribing the Association, and no more, is hereby repealed and declared void.

And it is further Enacted, by the Authority and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person and Persons, that are at this present Time Vestry-men in this Province, and all other Person or Persons that for the Time to come shall be elected or chosen Vestry-men, shall take the before-recited Oath of Abjuration; and that it be administred to them according to the Forms and Methods prescribed in the aforesaid Act of Assembly for taking the Oaths therein required to be taken; and after the taking of such Oath, the Person so elected or chosen, shall be deemed and taken as one of the Vestry, and not before.

Oath of Abjuration to be taken by the Vestry-men, &c.

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