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J. Phil: Yorke Esq: General his Opinion
concerning the Statutes of England affecting
Maryland

Qu: Whether such general Statutes of England
as have been made since the Date of the
Charter of Maryland and Wherain no Mention
is made of the Plantations, are not restrained by
Words of local limitation, are, or are not, in
force, without being Introduced there by a
particular Act of their own.

I am of Opinion y^t. Such general
Statutes as have been made since the Settlement
of Maryland, and are not by express words
located, either to the plantations in general,
or to this Province in particular, are not in
force there, unless they have been Introduced,
Declared to be Laws by some Acts of Assembly
of the Province, or have been received there by a
long uninterrupted Usage or practice, which
may import a tacit Consent of the Lord Proprietor
and the people of the Colony, that they should have
the Force of a Law there.

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P. Yorke.

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The Law Intituled the Oath of a Judge or Justice,
passed by the Assembly in Maryland, whereby it
was Enacted to Introduce the whole Statute Law,
which if once allowed of cannot be Repeal'd, unless by
an Act of Parliament; Therefore his Lordship Disparted