

Said Proprietary of this Province of Maryland and that  
 you will defend and maintain to the utmost of your power  
 all his just Rights Interests Royal Jurisdiction and  
 Signory in & over the said Province and the Islands  
<sup>thereto belonging</sup>  
 And you will faithfully serve him as his Lieutenant of  
 the said Province and in all other Offices committed to your  
 Charge you will do equal Right and Justice to the poor  
 and to the rich within the said Province after your coming  
 thither and forever according to the Laws of the Province you  
 shall delay or deny to no man right and Justice you shall  
 not know of any attempt against his Majesty's right  
 and Dominion into and over the said Province and  
 the people therein but you shall Resist and Oppose it  
 to the utmost of your power and make the same known  
 with convenient speed to his Majesty and you shall  
 in all things faithfully Council and Advise his Maj-  
 esty according to your heart and Conscience So help  
 you God & c<sup>t</sup> in Prosentia. Capt. Cornwallis  
Edward Packer

James Neal had the Oath of a Councillor of State ad-  
 ministered to him by the said Giles Brent according to  
 the form of a Bill drawn up in Assembly 15<sup>th</sup> March  
 1638 [entitled an act for severall Oaths]

April 15 1643

Cecilus Lord and Proprietor of the Provinces of  
 Maryland and Avalon in the parts of America Lord Baron  
 of Baltimore &c. our dear Brother Edward Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 our Lieutenant of our said Province of Maryland and  
 to our trusty and Well Beloved Col<sup>l</sup> Francis Trafford Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Seiver Esq<sup>r</sup> William Blount Esq<sup>r</sup> Giles Brent Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 John Panyford Esq<sup>r</sup> and James Neale Esq<sup>r</sup> Greeting Know  
 yee that we reposing especial trust and Confidence in  
 your wisdom diligence and experience have assigned