

The Oath of Fidelity to the Lord
Proprietary

I **B.** do faithfully and truly acknowledge the Right
Honble Cecilus Lord Baron of Baltimore to be the true and
Absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province and Coun-
try of Maryland and the Islands thereunto belonging & I
do swear that I will bear true faith unto his Lordship and
to his heirs as to the true and absolute Lord and Proprieta-
ry of the said Province and Islands thereunto belonging
and will not at any time by words or actions in publick
or in private writing by or willingly to the best of my under-
standing any way derogate from but will at all times as
Occasion shall require to the utmost of my power defend
and maintain all such his said Lordships and his heirs
Right Title Interest Priviledges Royal Jurisdiction Prerooga-
tive Proprietary and Dominion over and in the said Pro-
vince of Maryland and Islands thereunto belonging &
Over the people who are and shall be therein for the time
being as are Granted or mentioned to be Granted to his said
Lordship and his heirs by the King of England in his
said Lordships Letters Patent of the said Province under the
Great Seal of England I do also swear that I will with
all Expedition discover to his said Lordship or to his Lieut
or other chief Governor of the said Province for the time being
and also use my best Endeavours to prevent any Plot
Conspiracy or Combination which I shall know or have
Cause to suspect is or shall be intended against the person
of his said Lordship or which shall tend any way to the dis-
enfranchisement or deprivation of his said Lordships or his said
heirs their Right Title or Royal Jurisdiction and Dominion
aforesaid or any part thereof and I do swear that I will not
either by myself or by any other person or persons directly or indirectly take accept receive
purchase or possess any Lands Tenements or Hereditaments