

Publication shall be made thereof I will always Coun-
 cillor and as a Justice and Commissioner for Conservation
 of the peace of this Province do equal Right unto the poor
 and to the rich to the best of my understanding and judg-
 ment according to the Laws from time to time in Force within
 this Province and in default thereof according to my best dis-
 cretion and Generally in all things will do as a faithful Coun-
 cillor to the said Lord Proprietor and I do further swear that

I will not by my self nor any other person directly or Indi-
 rectly trouble molest or discountenance any person whatso-
 ever in the said Province professing to Believe in Jesus Christ
 and in particular no Roman Catholic for or in respect of
 his or her Religion nor in his or her free exercise thereof within
 the said Province so as they be not unfaithful to his said Majesty
 nor molest or Conspire against the Civil Government established
 here under him So help me God and by the Contents of this Book

Commission for the Great Seal

Cecilius Absole Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces
 of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore to
 our trusty and well Beloved Lieut and Council of our said
 Province of Maryland to all the Inhabitants of the same
 and all others whom it may Concern Greeting whereas our
 Great Seal of the said Province of Maryland was Treache-
 rously and Violently taken away from thence by Richard In-
 gle^{or his Complices} in or about february Anno Domini One thousand six hun-
 dred and forty four and hath been ever since so disposed of
 as it cannot be recovered again for we do therefore hereby
 protest against all and every act and things whatsoever
 which hath been Sealed therewith since the fourteenth of Feb^r
 Anno Domini One thousand six hundred forty and four
 or which shall at any time hereafter be Sealed therewith