

The Oath of a Councillor of State in
the Province of Maryland.

I, J. A. B. do swear that I will be true and faithful to
and Right hon^{ble} Facilius Lord Barron of Baltimore in true
and resolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province of Maryland
and his heirs and him and them and his and their Right
Royall Jurisdiction and Dominion all and every of them
and over the said Province and Islands thereto belonging
at all times defend and maintaine to the utmost of my power
will never accept off nor Exertt any place off it or Employment
within the said Province any way touching or Relating to the
Government of the said Province from any person or authority
but by from or under a lawfull authority derived or to be derived
from time to time from his said Lord or his heirs Lords and
Proprietarys of the said Province under his or their hand and
Seale at Rome, the peace and Welfare of the People of this
Province I will ever procure as far as I can I will ayde and
assist the Administering and Execution of Justice in all things
to my power, so none will I deny Right for feare of Labor or off
I will to my best skill and according to my heart and Conscience
give Good and faithful Councell to the said Lord and Proprietary
and his heirs and to his or their Lieutenant or Chief Governour
of this Province for the time being when therunto I shall be called
I will keepe Secrett all matters Committed or Reveal'd unto me or
wherin shall be moved or debated Secrettly in Councell and faithfully
declare my minde and opinion therin according to my heart and
Conscience and if any of the said treaty^{es} or Councell shall touch
any of the private Councellors of this Province I will not reveale
the same unto him So touch'd or Concerned but will keepe the
same Secrett untill such time as by the consent of the Lord
Proprietary or his Lieutenant or Chief Governour here for the
time being publication shall be made thereof I will also as a
Councellor and as a Justice and Commission for Conservation of
the Peace of this Province doe squall Right unto the people and
to the rich to the best of my Understanding and Judgement
according to the Lawes from time to time in force within this Province
and in Defaults thereof according to my best discretion and generally
all things will doe as a faithful Councellor to the said Lord Proprietary
and I doe further swear that I will not by my selfe nor by
any person directly nor indirectly trouble molest or Disturb
any person whatsoever in the said Province professing to believe in
the Christian Religion nor in his or her Religion nor in his or her