

John Bacon's Oath
I, John Bacon, do swear that I will be true & faithful
King William and Queen Mary, their heirs & Successors and
right and Royall Jurisdictions all and every of them in to and over
this their Province of Maryland & the Islands therunto belonging &
I will at all times defend & Maintain to the utmost of my power and
will accept or nor Execute any place, Office or employment within
this said Province anyway concerning or relating to the Governmt
of this said Province from any person or Authority, but by from
or under a special Authority derived or to be derived from him or
to him from their said Majties their heirs & Successors the
peace & Welfare of the People of this Province I will not procure
as far as I can, will aid and assist the administering & Execution
of Justice in all things to my power, to none will I do any right or
for favor favour or affection, will to my best skill and according
to my heart & conscience give good & faithful Councils to their
Majties their heirs & Successors and to their Governours or Commanders
in things for the time being, when therunto I shall be called, I
will keep secret all matters committed or revealed unto me, or
which shall be moved or debated secretly in Council, and faithfully
declare my mind & opinion therein, according to my heart & conscience
And if any of the said Treaties or Councils shall touch any of the
the private Councils of the Province I will not reveal the same unto
him for touched or concerned, but will keep the same secret, until
such time as by the content of their Majties or their Governours or Commanders
in things for the time being publication shall be made therein
I will also use Councils and as a Justice & Commission for conserving
of the peace of this Province do equal right unto the same