

or have heard concerning the Proprietary Gov^t of Pennsylvania and the spot and wise Jerseys

So which they do say that as to this Province when under the Proprietary Government of the Lord Baltimore & those by him imposed they have been informed great irregularities were committed but forasmuch as their Lordships Com^{ts}mands are insistent for a speedy Answer they can only give this present account referring themselves to your Lordships such further circumstances & Proofs as at present they cannot for want of time to enquire and examine into viz^t that they are well assured under the Proprietary Government ^{of this Province} there were no Oaths of Allegiance or other obligatory Oaths to his Majesty imposed upon or administered to any person within this Province whether of the Council Judges or any the Ministerial Officers but that such persons only took an oath of Fidelity to his Lordship the Proprietor & other Oaths for the due execution of their respective offices

There were several Laws in the Proprietary Government with the advice & Consent of the Assembly but how far repugnant to the Laws of England is prejudicial to what they cannot pretend to Judge that they never understood those Laws were sent to England otherwise than to the Lord Proprietary when there residing

That in the said Proprietary Government there were not any appeals allowed from this Province to England but that the Judgment & Sentence of the Gov^t & Council which was then called & styled the upper House of Assembly was final in all Causes & the