

I Benedict Leonard Culbert do swear that I will be true  
 and faithful to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Baron of  
 Baltimore the true and absolute Lord and Proprietary of this  
 Province of Maryland and his heirs and him and them his  
 and their heirs Royal Jurisdiction and Signory full and every  
 of into and over this his Province of Maryland the Islands and  
 Territories thereto belonging. I will at all times defend and main-  
 tain to the utmost of my power and will never accept any  
 Place Office or Employment within the said Province any  
 ways concerning or relating to the Government thereof from  
 any person or Authority but by former under a Royal Authority  
 derived or to be derived from his said Lordship his heirs or by  
 signs I will faithfully serve his said Lordship as his Governor  
 or Commander in chief of the said Province and in all other  
 Offices committed to my Charge by his said Lordship Commis-  
 sion or Commissions to me and will willingly yield up the  
 said Commission or Commissions again and all Offices Pow-  
 ers and Authorities granted or to be granted by them or any of  
 them into the hands of his said Lordship and his heirs and  
 Assigns or to such person or persons as he or they shall appoint  
 whensoever he or they shall appoint me so to do and shall sig-  
 nify the same unto me and will not presume to put in Execution  
 or Attempt to execute any Office Power or Authority granted unto  
 me by any of the said Commissions after that his said Lordship  
 or his heirs or Assigns Lords and Proprietarys of the said Province  
 shall repeal them any of them respectively and that the  
 said Repeals be published within this Province I will do equal  
 Right and Justice to the poor and to the rich within this Pro-  
 vince to the best of my Skill Judgment and Power according  
 to the Laws and Ordinances of the said Province and in de-  
 fault thereof according to my Conscience and best Discretion