

Whereas it is provided by the 36th Section of the Constitution and form of Government, that "The Council shall have power to make the Great Seal of this State, which shall be kept by the Chancellor, and affixed to all Laws, Commissions, Grants, and other Testimonials, as has been heretofore practised in this State". And Whereas under and in virtue of the said power, the Board have lately caused to be made of silver a great Seal dependent, with certain devices, and with the words "Great Seal of the State of Maryland" inscribed on one side thereof; and the words "Industry, the means, and Plenty the Result" on the other, therefore, Ordered That the same be delivered to the Honourable the Chancellor as the Great Seal of this State, and that the same and none other be ^{thereafter} kept, used, taken, and considered in all respects and to every intent and purpose as the Great Seal of the State of Maryland.

Ordered That the Chancellor be requested to deliver to His Excellency the Governor the old Great Seal of this State, and that the same be lodged and safely kept in the Treasury of the Western Shore.

The following proclamation was issued.

"Whereas &c. as in the foregoing entry, to the end of the preamble;... then as follows.

"And Whereas the same hath been delivered to the Hon^{ble} the Chancellor to be kept and used as the Great Seal of this State, I have therefore thought proper to issue this my Proclamation, declaring the Seal so as aforesaid made and delivered to the Chancellor, and none other, to be the Great Seal of the State of Maryland.

Given at Annapolis &c. &c.

(Signed) Tho^s Lee.

Saturday, February the 8th 1791.

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and the Hon^{ble} William Pinkney, John Davidson, James Brice, and Henry Ridgely Esquires.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Matthias Bartgis, five pounds twelve shillings and six pence, for printing the Act of Naturalization three weeks.