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The oath of a Veinner

You shall sweare to view without delay with such ordinary dilligence as you use or would use in Tobacco to be received by Your Self all Tobacco whereof your Judgment shall be demanded within the hundred of A by Vertue of the Law in that behalf made you shall not promise practise or contract to or with any person or persons directly or indirectly to be wilfully or wittingly connivent partiall or difficult in the allowing or disallowing of any Tobacco by you to be veined nor shall you at any time before or after such veining directly or indirectly take or receive any gratuity hire recompence or benefit in one thing or other for or in consideration of such veining allowing or disallowing of any Tobacco more or further then the lawfull fee But true & imparciall judgment shall make & give whether it be bad or no by the intent of the said Law according to the best of your skill & conscience And if you find it bad you shall use true Judgment make & give whether you think it bad for the greater part or no And if you judge it bad for the lesser part only you shall mill all the bad out of it as neerly & exactly as you may with ordinarie dilligence & the same shall burne according to the Law & the residue shall dispose of according to the Law And if you Judge it bad for the greater part of it you shall burne or cause the whole quantity contained in such Cask to be burned to ashes without delay or favour so far as the said Law shall permitt And in all other points you shall faithfully & dilligently execute & discharge the Office trust & duty of a veinner according to the said Law so far as you shall be able So help you God &c Given at St Maries this 30th October 1640
Witness Leonard Calvert Esq Lieutenant Generall of the Province of Maryland