

officer in that government which they would not Oblige themselves to Defend
 by Taking the severall Oaths therein Directed had been thought an Effectual Stop
 towards the Obtaining the aforesaid happy and *AM* Whereas this present
 Generall Assembly think themselves indisposibly oblig'd to do their part in Securing
 to his Lordship the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary and the Good people
 of this province their share in those Judicious benefits which are so vastly ad-
 vantagious to great Brittain and consequently agreeable to all the Dominions
 thereto belonging but Especially to us who are under the Immediate Government
 of a protestant Lord proprietor --- *AM* that Nothing can be more Effectual to
 Secure to his Lordship the Quiet & peaceable Joyment of his Government than the
 Easing the minds of the people by having their religion Liberty and property secured
 which has of late been daringly threatned by persons disaffected to the protestant
 Succession who have openly in treasonable manner taken upon them to give the
 pretended prince of Wales the Title of King of Great Brittain and drunk his
 health as such *AM* that no better Expedient can be found to obviate the Wicked
 Designs and Expectations of such disaffected persons to our present happy Estab-
 lishment than to act as near as may be to the great pattern which the British
 Legislature has set before us In pursuance whereof the Legislature of this
 province when under the more Immediate Government of the Crown (to wit, in the
 Year One thousand Seven hundred and four thought fit by an Act then made to
 Oblige all persons who then had or thereafter should have any office or ^{or place} Trust within
 this province to take the oaths commonly called the Oaths of Abjuration and for y^e
 the severall oths directed to be taken by the Act made in the first Year of his
 present Majesty's reign for the Security of his Majesty's person and Govern-
 ment and the Succession of the Crown &c are by this present Generall Assembly thought
 Equally Necessary --- Be it Enacted by the right Honourable the Lord
 Proprietary by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governour &
 the upper and Lower houses of Assembly and by the Authority of the Same y^t
 the following Oaths shall be administered to and taken by all persons that already
 have or hereafter shall be admitted to have or Enjoy any office or place of trust
 within this province in manner following. I. H. B. do Sincerely promise and
 Swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty King
 George so help me God --- I. A. B. do swear that I do from my
 heart Abhor detest and abjure as Impious and horricall that Damnable
 Doctrine and position that princes Excommunicated or deprived by the pope
 or any Authority of the See of Rome may be deposed or Murthored by their
 Subjects or any other whatsoever And I do declare that no foreign ^{Prince} person
 prelate State potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction power Superiority
 (prominence)