

At a General Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Tuesday the Tenth Day of October, 1727, the following Laws were Enacted.

An ACT for ascertaining the Form of the Oath of Judge or Justice.

WHEREAS the Oath of Judge or Justice, (appointed to be taken by the Statute of the Eighteenth of Edward the Third,) does not in many Particulars provide for the Constitution of this Province, nor suit the Circumstances of any other Proprietary Government; and for that the Oath of Judge or Justice, proper to be taken in this Province, is not ascertain'd by any ACT of our own:

Former Laws not having provided an Oath of Judge, &c. suitable to the Constitution of this Province.

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That at some convenient Time, after the End of this present Session of Assembly, and before the last Day of March next, the following Oath shall be taken, as the proper Oath of Office, by the Members of the Court of Appeals, as Judges to correct Errors in Judgments and other Proceedings at Law, the Justices of the Provincial and County-courts, and the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, for the Time being, changing only what is to be changed, according to the different Stations of such Magistrates, viz.

It is now Enacted, that the following Oath shall be taken by all Judges or Justices, by the Time here limited, viz.

“ YOU shall swear, That as a Justice of the Provincial Court of Maryland, in all Articles of his Lordship's Commission to You directed, You shall do equal Law and Right to all the King's Subjects, rich and poor, according to the Directions of the Acts of Assembly of this Province, so far forth as they provide: And, where they are silent, according to the Laws, Statutes, and reasonable Customs of England, agreeable to the Usage and Constitution of this Province; and not delay any Person of Common Right, for the Letters of the King, the Lord Proprietary, or of any other whatsoever, nor for any other Cause: And in case any Letters shall come to You, contrary to Law, that You do nothing by them, but cause them to be entered on Record, and certify the King, the Lord Proprietor, or the Governour (for the Time being) of them, and proceed to execute the Law notwithstanding the same Letters: That You shall hold your Courts according to

The Oath of Judge or Justice.

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