
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 ascertained by any ACT of our own:

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.

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“ **Y**OU 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 Acts of Assembly, and the Directions in your Commission: That You shall do and procure the
“ Profit of the Lord Proprietor in all Things where you may lawfully
“ and

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