

Lordsships other Officers nor reserved for his Lordships  
Uses

6<sup>thly</sup> That the Oath of Fidelity shall not be pressed  
upon the people now resident within this Province  
but instead and place thereof an Engagement be taken  
and Subscribed in manner and form following viz

**I A** do promise and engage to submit to the Autho-  
rity of the Right Honble Cecilius Lord Baltimore and  
his heirs within this Province of Maryland according  
to the Patent of the said Province and to his present  
Lieutenant and other Officers here by his Lordships  
Appointed to whom I will be aiding and assisting  
and will not obey or aid any here in Opposition to  
them

7<sup>thly</sup> Lastly that no Person whatsoever within this  
Province shall by any Colour or Suggestion be disarm'd  
or dispossessed in his Arms or Ammunition and thereby  
Consequently left to the Cruelty of the Indians unless  
such Person be proved to bear Arms to an hostile in-  
tent or contrary to the usual and allowable Customs  
of the Country for such mans defence this present Ge-  
neral Assembly having Considered the present State  
of this Province and finding the Agreement according  
to the said Articles Greatly conducing to the Honour  
of the Lord Baltimore and the peace of the Province  
as also tending to the Removal of those fears and Jealou-  
sies too frequently known among us and Greatly furthe-  
ring the Uniting of the whole Inhabitants and bring-  
ing them to a better Capacity against the Incursions of  
the Indian Enemy whom we have observed to take  
Advantage of our former distraction be it therefore