

our selves being very apparent) and therefore we shall proceed in the best manner we are capable, on the present Occasion, and to provide for future Times of Scarcity.

Sign'd per Order, M. J. Cl. Lo. Ho.

Mr. T. from the Committee for Courts of Justice, returns the following Report, viz.

By the Committee for Courts of Justice, October the 8th, 1724.

WE find the form of the Oath now taken by the several Justices of the Provincial Court to be as follows, viz. Report from the Committee for Courts of Justice, about the Oath of a Judge, as now used.

Commissioner's Oath of the Provincial Court.

YOU shall Swear, That as a Commissioner and Justice of the Peace in the Provincial Court of the Province of *Maryland*; in all Articles in his Lordship's Commission to you directed, you shall do equal Right to the Poor, as well as to the Rich, to the best of your Cunning, Skill and Knowledge, and according to the Presidents and Customs of this Province, and Acts of Assembly in such Case made, and that you hold your Sessions or Courts as you are directed in your Commission, or according to Acts of Assembly in that behalf provided. And all Fines and Amerciaments that shall happen to be made, and all Forfeitures which shall fall before you, you shall cause to be entred without any Concealment, and Certify the same to his Lordship's Receiver of this Province. You shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice, nor take any Gift, Bribe or Fee for the delaying of Judgment, but shall behave your self justly and truly, to the best of your Understanding, so long as you shall continue in the said Office, or until you shall be by lawful Authority discharged therefrom. *So help you, God.*

We also find the County Justices take the same Oath, *mutatis mutandis*.

Which Forms, we humbly observe, want the Clause agreed upon in the Resolves given in Charge to your Committee, and likewise are defective in some other particulars (through the frequent Transcribing and Mistakes of Clerks, as we presume) which particulars your Committee desires leave to Report verbally to the House. Which wants the Clause resolv'd on.

Sign'd per Order, N. M. Cl. Com.

Whereupon the Observations of the Committee being reported verbally to the House, it is recommended to Mr. Attorney General to amend and alter the Oath, according to the former Resolves, and the Report of that Committee.

Saturday, October the 10th 1724.

It being proposed; That for the more effectually Publishing the Resolves and the Address relating to the Constitution of *Maryland*, the same may be Printed. Resolves and Address may be Printed.

Resolved, That any Person have the Liberty of Printing them, that will undertake the same.

On reading the Report from the Committee for Courts of Justice, the following Message is prepared, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October the 10th 1724.
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