

The Chancellor acts by Virtue of the Delivery of the Great Seal to him, and takes the following Oath. [No. 2.]

I A. B. do swear, that as Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal of this Province, I will well and truly serve his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, and do equal Right to all his Majesty's Subjects, to the best of my Understanding, Skill, and Knowledge: I shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice, nor take any Gift, Bribe, Reward, or Fee, for the delaying thereof; but will behave myself justly and truly, and bear, act, judge, decree, and determine all Matters that shall regularly come before me for Determination, according to Equity and good Conscience, according to the Duty of my said Office, and according to the best of my Knowledge, during my Continuance in the said Office, or until I shall by lawful Authority be discharged therefrom. So help me God.

Copy. J. Ross, Reg. Cur. Can.

For the Honourable the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice. [No. 3.]

Gentlemen,

I Acquainted the Secretary with your Request to have the Oath of Secretary laid before you; and I am directed to inform you, that it appears by the Records in the Provincial Office, that the present Secretary took the Oath of Office; and the Oath of Secretary, as recorded in the Records of the Provincial Court, is as follows:

I A. B. do swear, that I will be true and faithful to the Right Honourable Cæcilius, Lord Baron of Baltimore, the true and absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province of Maryland; and him and them, and his and their Rights, Royal Jurisdictions, Seigniories, and all and every of them, into and over the said Province, and Islands thereunto belonging, will at all Times defend and maintain, to the utmost of my Power; and will never accept of, nor execute any Place, Office, or Employment, within the said Province, any way concerning or relating to the Government of the said Province, from any Person or Authority, but by, from, or under a lawful Authority, derived or to be derived, from time to time, from his said Lordship, or his Heirs, Lords Proprietaries of the said Province, under his and their Hands and Seal at Arms: I will serve him faithfully, as his Secretary in the said Province: To none will I wittingly or willingly delay or deny Right, in what belongeth to my Office or Offices to do: True Record I will keep of Judgments, and all other Matters to be by me recorded, without Falsification or Corruption, for Fear, Favour, or Malice of any Person whatsoever, to the best of my Ability and Understanding. So help me God, and by the Contents of this Book.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servant,

RICHARD BURDUS.

May 18, 1750.

Commissary General's Oath. [No. 4.]

YOU do swear, that as Commissary General of the Province of Maryland, in all Articles in his Lordship's Commission to you directed, you will 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 Precedents and Customs of this Province, and Act of Assembly in such Cases made: 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 yourself 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.

Copy, per RICHARD DORSEY, Register.

Deputy Commissary's Oath. [No. 5.]

YOU do swear, that you will well and truly serve his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, in the Office of Deputy Commissary of County; that you will do equal Right to the Poor and to the Rich so far as concerns your said Office, and according to the Laws and Precedents of this Province; that you will not delay nor hinder Right or Justice to any one in your Office; that you will increase no Fees, but be content with the Fees limited by Law; and in all Things well and truly behave yourself in your Office aforesaid, to his Lordship, and all Persons concerned therewith, according to the best of your Skill and Knowledge, until you shall be lawfully discharged thereof. So help you God.

Copy, per RICHARD DORSEY, Register.

The Oath of Office taken by the Judges of the Land-Office, is, [No. 6.]

That they shall well, truly, and faithfully discharge their Duty, as Judges of the Land-Office, according to right Reason and good Conscience, agreeable to the Rules and Practice thereof, and to such Instruction as they shall receive from time to time relating thereto.

The Oath of a Clerk of the County Court. [No. 7.]

I J. B. do swear, that I will faithfully serve his Lordship, as Clerk of the County Court of A. and to none will I wittingly or willingly deny Right, in what belongeth to my Office to do; true Records I will keep, or cause to be kept, of all Judgments, Orders of Court, or other Matters to be by me recorded, without Falsification, according to the best of my Ability, Skill, and Knowledge. So help me God.

The Sheriff's Oath. [No. 8.]

YOU A. B. do swear, that you will well and truly serve his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, in the Office of Sheriff of the County of that you will truly and rightfully treat the People of your Bailiwick, and do Right as well to the Poor as Rich, in all that belongs to your Office; you will not do wrong to any Man for Gift, Favour, or Affection, but will duly execute, so far as you may, all Writs, Precepts, Process, and Warrants, as shall be to you directed by lawful Authority; and thereof make true Return according to the Tenor thereof; and all other Things that to the said Office of Sheriff shall belong you will execute to the best of your Knowledge, Skill, and Cunning so long as you shall continue in the said Office, or until you shall be by lawful Authority discharged therefrom. So help you God.

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