

The Question was put, Whether the Bill entituled, *An Act for marking the Highways, &c.* do pass, or Not? *Resolved in the Negative.*

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.*

### *Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Serjeant at Arms attending this House acquaints Mr. Speaker, that in Obedience to the Order of this House, he had taken into his Custody the Body of *Charles Carroll, Esq;*

*Daniel Dulany, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, &c.* Indorsed. "By the Upper House of Assembly: Read the second Time, and will pass." Which Bill was read here, and passed for Ingrossing.

*Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Bill:

*An Act to direct and prescribe the Form of an Oath, to be taken by the several Officers of this Province, before they take upon themselves to act in any Office.*

**W**HEREAS it is highly reasonable that the several Officers within this Province should act under some fixed and stated Form of an Oath, for the due Execution of their several and respective Offices. Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That the several Officers hereafter mentioned, on or before the 29th Day of September next, or before they or any of them enter on their several Offices respectively, shall, and they are hereby required to take the following Oaths before some Provincial or County Magistrate, in Manner and Form following; that is to say,

*The Oath of a Counsellor,*

**I** A. B. as a Member of his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Council within this Province, do swear, that I will be true and faithful unto his said Lordship, the true and absolute Proprietary of this Province of *Maryland*, and to his Heirs and Successors, and him and them, and his and their Rights, Royal Jurisdiction and Seigniorie, and every of them, into and over the said Province, and Islands thereunto belonging, will at all Times, during my Continuance in the said Trust as a Counsellor, defend and maintain to the utmost of my Power; the Peace and Welfare of the People of this Province I will ever procure, as far as I can; I will aid and assist the Administration of Justice in all Things to my Power; to none will I delay or deny Right, for Fear, Favour, or Affection; I will to my best Skill, and according to my Heart and Conscience, give good and faithful Counsel to the said Lord Proprietary, and his Heirs and Successors, and to his and their Lieutenant or chief Governor of this Province, when thereunto I shall be called: I will keep secret all Matters committed or revealed unto me as Secrets in Council, or which shall be there moved or debated, secretly and faithfully declare my Mind and Opinion therein according to my Heart and Conscience: And if any of the said Treaties and Counsels shall touch any of the privy Counsellors of this Province, I will not reveal the same unto him so touched or concerned, but will keep the same secret, until such Time as by the Consent of the Lord Proprietary, or his Lieutenant or chief Governor here for the Time being, Proclamation may be made thereof. *So help me God.*

*The Oath of Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal.*

**I** A. B. do swear, that as Chancellor or 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 hear, 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.*

*The Oath of Secretary.*

**I** A. B. do swear, that I will be true and faithful to the Right Honourable 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, 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: I will increase no Fees, but be content with the Fees limited by Law: True Record I will keep of Judgments and 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.*

*The Oath of Commissary General.*

**Y**OU 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 Ability, Skill, and Knowledge, according to the Acts of Assembly of this Province, so far forth as they provide, and where they are silent, according to the Laws of *England*, as used and practised within this Province.