

to be derived from by, or under a commission or Warrant under his said Lordships Hand and Seal at Arms, and that I will truly and faithfully deliver up againe the said great Seal into the hands of such Person or Persons as his said Lordship, or his Heirs shall appoent, when his, or their pleasure for that purpose shall be signified to me under his, or their hands and Seals at arms; so help me God, and by the contents of this Book.

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*The Oath of fidelity to the Lord Proprietor.*

*I A: B. Do faithfully and truly acknowledge the Right Honourable Cecilius Lord Baron of Baltimore to be the true and absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province and Country of Maryland, and the Islands therunto belonging; And I do swear that I will bear true faith unto his Lordship, and his Heires as to the true and absolute Lords and proprietories of the said Province, and the Islands therunto belonging, and will not at any time by words or actions in publick or private, wittingly or willingly to the best of my understanding any way derogate from; but will at all times occasion shall require to the uttermost of my power defend and maintain all such his said Lordships and his Heires Right, Title, Interest, Privileges, Royal Jurisdiction, Prerogative, propriety, and Dominion over, and in the said province of Maryland, and the Islands therunto belonging, and over the people who are or shall be therein for the time being as are granted or mentioned to be granted to his said Lordship, and to his Heires by the King of England in his said Lordships patent of the said province under the Great Seal of England, I do also swear that I will with all expedition discover*