

land, relating to the Government thereof from any Person or Authority, but from the Lord *Baltimore* or his Heires: and another Clause (*viz.*) that they shall not directly or indirectly, trouble, molest, or discountenance, any person whatsoever in the said Province, professing to believe in JESUS CHRIST, and in particular no Roman Catholick, for or in respect of his or her Religion, nor in his or her free exercise thereof within the said Province. But this Oath was never imposed upon any body, nor any penalty appointed for the refusall thereof; for it was free for any man, if hee did not like the Oath not to accept of the place of Governour, or one of the Councel there; & this last mentioned Oath of the Governour and Councel was appointed in the life time of the late King. The Lord *Baltimore* conceiving it lawfull and justifiable by his Patent to require such an Oath from such as hee should imploy in Offices of so great trust in so remote a place; for although by his Patent the sovereign Dominion of that Province bee reserved to the late King, his Heirs, and Successors, yet the immediate and subordinate authority of the Government thereof is granted to his Lordship & his Heires, so as no man ought to act therein but by authority derived from him. And hee appointed this Oath to be taken by the aforelaid Officers, when he made Capt. *Stone* Governour, and Mr. *Tho. Hatton* Secretary, and others of his Councell there who being of different Judgement in Religion from himselfe, his Lordship thought it but reasonable and fit that as he did oblige them by Oath not to disturbe any there who professed to beleve in Jesus Christ, so to expresse the Roman Catholickes in particular, who were of his own judgement in matter of Religion.