

shall after such returne att any time againe refuse to take the said Oathe upon the said Holy Evangelists, according to the true Intent and meaning of this Act when itt shall bee againe att any time soe administered unto him or them respectively shall bee subject to such Fine and Imprisonment as the Lord and Proprietary of this Province or his heires Lords and Proprietarys of this Province shall thinke fitt or in his or their absence out of this Province as his or their Leiuetenant or Cheife Governor and Privy Councill of this Province for the time being or the Major parte of them wherof the said Leiuetenant or Cheife Governor or his Deputy (being one of the said Privy Councill) to bee alwayes one and to have a negative voyce shall thinke fitt, and the Oathe and tittle therof intended by this Acte is as followeth

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I, A. B. doe sweare that I will be true and faythfull soe long as I shall bee a Member of this Province to the Right Hon^{ble} Cæcilius Lord Baron of Baltemore Lord Proprietary of this Province of Maryland and the Ilands therunto belonging and to his heires Lords and Proprietarys of the same and to his Leiuetenant or Cheife Governor here for the time being, And will not att any time by words or Actions, in publick or in private wittingly or willingly any way derogate from, But will att all times as occasion shall require to the utmost of my power defend and mayntaine all such his said Lordship's and his heire's just and lawfull right by the Interest, Priviledges Jurisdiction Prerogative Proprietary and dominion over and in the said Province and Ilands therunto beeloning and over the people who are and shall bee therein for the time being as are granted to his said Lordship and his heires by the late King of England in his said Lordship's Pattent of the said Province under the Greate Seale of England not any wayes understood to infringe or prejudice Liberty of Conscience in poynt of Religion, And I doe allsoe sweare that I will with all Expedition discover to his said Lordship or to his Leiuetenant or other Cheife Governor of the said Province for the tyme being, and allsoe use my best endeavours to prevent any plott Conspiracy or Combination which I shall knowe or have just cause to suspect is or shall bee intended against the person of his said Lordship or which shall tend any wayes to the disinherison or deprivation of his said Lordship or his heires their Right Title Jurisdiction and Dominion aforesaid, or any parte thereof, and I doe sweare that I will not either by my selfe or by any