

according to the instructions from your Lordships and the usuall course held in this place wee tendered the oathes of Supremacie and Aleidgance to his Lordshipp and some of his followers, who making profession of the Romishe Religion, utterly refused to take the same, a thing which wee could not have doubted in him, whose former employments under his late Majestie might have indeared to us a persuasion, he would not have made denyall of that, in poynt whereof consisteth the loyaltie and fidelitie, which every true subjecte oweth unto his Sovereigne. His Lordshipp then offered to take this oath a cobby whereof is included but in true discharge of the trust imposed in us by his Majestie wee could not imagine that so much latitude was left for us to decline from the prescribed forme, soe strictly exacted and soe well justefied and defended by the pen of our late Sovereigne Lord King James of happy memory, and amonge the many blessinges and favores for which wee are bound to bless God and which this Colony hath received, from his most gracious Majesty, there is none whereby it hath beene made more happy then in the freedom of our Religion which we have enjoyed, and that noe papists have beene suffered to settle their abode amongst us, the Continuance whereof wee most humbly implore from his most sacred Majestie and earnestly beseech your Lordships that by your mediations and Councells the same may bee established and confirmed unto us, and wee as our Duty is with the whole Colony shall allwaies pray for his Majesty's long life and eternal security from whose royall hands this Plantation must expect her establishment and for whose honor God hath reserved soe glorious a worke as the perfection thereof.

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Wee humbly take our leave

Your Lordships very humble servants

John Pott

Sam. Mathews

Roger Smith

W. Claybourne.

The 30th November 1629.

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Matter of Law.

1. Because the matter of the Petition of the Patentee mentioned to be the motive and the cause of the Warrant is (viz:) that the Region thereby granted was then inhabited and possessed of the Barbarous Heathen or Sauages.