

Meech takes the Oaths &ca In the presence of Esqr Randolph &ca

The said Thomas Meech had administred unto him by his Ex^{ncy} the Oathes appointed by act of Parliam^t to be taken instead of the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy the Oath of Trade and Navigation & Subscribed to the Test in the presence of the hon^{ble} Edward Randolph Esqr Surveyo^r Gen^l of their Ma^{ts} Customes &ca And George Plater Esqr Collector & Receiver of their Ma^{ts} Duties within the District of Petuxant.

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Oath of Trade and Navigation taken by Cap^t Thomas Meech comissionated to Cruise &ca to Obstruct false Trade is as follows Viz^t

Oath of Trade & Navigation

You shall swear that you will to the best of your skill & power so long as you shall continue in any Comand of Cruizing wth in the Province or Else where in pursuance of the Comission Granted you for the same, well & truly Execute and pforme, & cause to be Executed & performed all matters & things w^{ch} by the Statute made in the 12th yeare of his late Ma^{ty} King Charles the Second his Reign Entituled an Act for the Encouraging & increasing of Shipping & Navigation; & by the other Statute made in the 15th Yeare of his Ma^{ts} Reign Entituled An Act for the Encouragem^t of Trade, you are Required as Officer in trusted for the Command aforesaid to be sworn to the performance of

So help you God

Snt Maries City in Maryland June 28th 1695

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I the Subscriber do declare that I do believe that there is not any transubstantiation in the Sacram^t of the Lords Supper or in the Elements of bread & wine at or after the Consecracōn thereof by any person whatsoever

Tho^s Meech

Cap^t Meechs Bond for Cruiseing

Maryland ss

Know all men by these presents that wee Thomas Meech Robert Mason and Philip Clarke all of Snt Maries County Gentl: are holden and firmly bounden unto his Ex^{ncy} Francis Nicholson Esqr Cap^t Gen^l and Govern^r in Chief in and over their Ma^{ts} Province and Territoryes of Maryland in the full & Just Sume of three thousand pounds Sterl: lawfull Currant Money of England to be paid to his said Ex^{ncy} his heirs Ex^{rs} or Adm^{rs} to the which payment well and truly to be made Wee bind ourselves and either of us our and either of our heirs Ex^{rs} or Adm^{rs} in the whole and for the whole jointly and Severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seales dated in Maryland the 28th day of June Anno Domi: 1695: