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At a Council in Assembly held at the Town and Port of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County the twenty fifth Day of June in the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Ann by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith Annoq Domini 1702.

Present

His Excellency Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r Governor

The honble { Tho^s Tench Esq^r } Col John Hammond }
 { Tho^s Brooke Esq^r } L^t Col Will^m Holland }
 } James Sanders Esq }
 of her Ma:ty's honourable Council

His Excellency lays before the Board the Lords of the Council of Trade & Plantations Letter of the 19th of March 1701/2 And likewise the right honble the Lords of her Majesty's Council their order for proclaiming her most Sacred Majesty Queen Ann &c. Which he acquaints them that he had Caused to be done after the most Solemn manner this Province was capable of

And forasmuch as he had received no particular Instructions as to the administring the Oaths of Allegiance &c He requires the opinion of the Council who advise that the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy be administred to and taken by all the officers Civil and Military and other her Majesty's good Subjects within this Province with the Alteration of her late Majestys Name into that of her present Majesty Queen Ann &c.

And thereupon his Excellency the Governor & the Members & Clerk of the Council took the said Oaths & subscribed the Test. And as to the Association tho his Excellency & this Board are very desirous of giving all the convincing Demonstration of their Affection & Loyalty to her most Sacred Majesty yet that Association which is prescribed by Act of Parliament being made upon that particular occasion on the designed Assassination of his late Majesty it will not be suitable at this Time.

Came Major William Dent & M^r John Hall from the House of Delegates and acquaint his Excellency that their House is met and wait his Commands

His Excellency says he is ready to receive them