

People therein but I will prevent resist or Oppose it to the utmost of my Power and make the same known with all convenient Speed to his said Lordship and I will in all things from time to time as Occasion shall require faithfully Council and Advise his said Lordship according to my Heart and Conscience.

So help me God

His Excellency the Governor took also the following Oath

I Thomas Bladen Esq; Governor of his Lordships Province of Maryland do solemnly Swear that I will do my utmost that every the Causes Matters and things contained in the following Acts of Parliaments of his Majestys Kingdom of Great Britain viz An Act entituled An Act for the Encouraging and Increasing of the Shipping and Navigation made in the twelfth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, The Act for preventing Frauds and Regulating Abuses in his Majestys Customs made in the fourteenth Year of the said Kings Reign. The Act for the Encouragement of Trade made in the fifteenth Year of the said Kings Reign The Act to prevent the Planting of Tobacco in England and for regulating the Plantation Trade made in the twenty second and Twenty third Years of the said Kings Reign, and continued by a Clause in the Act against clandestine Burying of Goods and for the more effectual Preventing of Frauds Relating to the Customs made in the fifth Year of the Reign of Our Late Royal Father. The Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland and Eastland Trades and for the better Securing the Plantation Trade made in the twenty fifth Year of the said King Charles' Reign, The Act for Regulating Frauds and preventing Abuses in the Plantation Trade in the seventh and eighth Years of King William the third, The Act for Encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores from her Majestys Plantations in America made in the third and fourth Years of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne so far forth as it is continued and explained by an Act giving