the Great Seal of this Provence and thereupon his Excellency the Governor takes the Oath of Chancellor in the following Words

I Thomas Bladen do swear that as Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal of this Province I will well and truly serve his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province and do equal Right to all his Majestys Subjects to the best of my Understanding Skill and Knowledge I will not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice nor take any Gift Bribe Reward or Fee for the delaying thereof but will be-have myself justly and truly and clear Act Judge Decree and Determine all matters that shall regularly come before Me for Determination according to Equity and good Conscience according to the duty of my said Office and according to the best of my Knowledge during my Continuance in the said Office; or until I shall be by Lawful Authority discharged therefrom

So help me God

All which said Oaths were Administred to his Excellency by the Members of his Lordships Honourable Council now present

After taking the several Oaths aforesaid his Excellency subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Test according to the directions of the Act of Assembly aforesaid

Advised, Resolved and Ordered that A Proclamation be forthwith issued for the Publication of his Excellency the Governors Commission and directing all Officers Civil and Military to continue in the Execution and Discharge of their several Offices until his Excellencys Pleasure shall be further known, and signifyed thereon, which Proclamation being prepared is as follows Viz

By his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of