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true and faithfull to the State of Maryland and will to the utmost of my Power support maintain and defend the freedom and Independance thereof and the Government as is now Established against all open Enemies and secret and traiterous Conspirieses and will Use my utmost Endeavors to Disclose and make known to the Governor or some one of the Judges or Justices thereof all Treasons or Traiterous Conspiracies Attempts or Combinations against this State or the Government thereof which may Come to my Knowledge So help me God.

An act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed March Session 1779. entitled an Act for the establishment of Select Vestrys.

Whereas it is thought expedient and necessary that select vestries be chosen in every Parish within this State for the preservation of the Churches and for the taking care of Glebe Lands and for other purposes tending to the happiness and wellfare of the State

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland that there be select vestries in each parish of this State. and that the several Vestrymen of the several parishes within this State that hereafter shall be chosen, be such select Vestry of which vestry the number shall allways be seven. except upon Death resignation or other discharge of any of them according to the provision herein made for that purpose, and in such case of death or resignation or other legal discharge from serving; the remaining part of such Vestries shall with all convenient speed summon and appoint a general meeting of all the Inhabitants of the said parish entitled to vote for Delegates of Assembly and contributing to the charges of the said parish who shall by majority of voyces elect and chose one or more sober and discreet person or persons, of each respective parish

to supply such vacancies, and such person or persons so elected and chosen, shall take and subscribe the Oath to Government required by the act of General Assembly, entitled an act for the better Security of the Government and also taking the following Oath viz. I B. do solemnly swear and declare that I will Justly and truely execute the office of trust of Vestryman of Parish according to my best skill or knowledge without prejudice favour or affection which said Oaths at the election of a new vestry are to be administered by any Justice of the peace of the County, city or place where such Vestry is who is hereby required and empowered to administer the same and upon elections afterwards either by a Justice of peace as aforesaid or the first Vestryman who is likewise hereby required and empowered to administer the same. and each person so elected chosen and qualifyed shall be and not before deemed and taken as one of the vestry to all Intents and purposes. And be it enacted that the first election for Vestrymen shall be on the first Monday in June next in each parish by the persons entitled to vote as aforesaid who shall repair to their respective parish Churches for that purpose.

And be it further enacted, that two vestrymen shall be annally chosen thereafter in the room of two of the vestrymen who shall be left out by ballot, unless rechosen with their own consent and agreement to which purpose all the Inhabitants of every parish being entitled to vote as aforesaid and contributing to the charges thereof or such of them as shall attend, shall repair to their respective parish Churches every Easter Monday and there by their free choice make the election aforesaid; which vestrymen thus elected shall take the oaths and qualify themselves in manner and form aforesaid And for keeping a fair Regester of all such vestries proceedings and for