

Year 1693 for further security to the protestant Religion and the sovereign Government, all Noblemen and their eldest sons past 21 Years of Age, and all persons in offices and places of publick trust Civil and Military fully & particularly Described, were ordained to swear the then new Allegiance, and subscribe the same with the assurance following, I A. B. do in the sincerity of my heart assure Acknowledge and Declare, that their Majesties King William & Queen Mary are the only Lawfull and Undoubted sovereigns of this Realm, as well do Iure that is of right, King and Queen, as do facts that is in the possession and Exercise of the Government. And therefore I do sincerely promise and Engage, that I will with heart and hand life and goods, Maintain and Defend their Majesties title and Government against the late King James and his adherents, and all other Enemies who either by open or secret Attempts shall Disturb or Disquiet their Majesties in the possession and Exercise thereof. Which oath of Allegiance and Assurance were to be taken jointly and severally, and those who Refused the one were held as Refusing both, Act 6 sess. 4 Parl. W. & M. There having been a horrid Conspiracy formed and carried on by Papists and other wicked and traitorous persons, for Assassinating King William, in order to usher in and facilitate a formidable Invasion from France to the Ruin and Extirpation of our Religion Laws and Liberties; Great Numbers of his Majesties Good subjects Entered into and subscribed an Association to stand by assist one another to the utmost of their power in the support and Defence of his Majesties most sacred person and Government, and of the true protestant Religion. Which Association was not only Declared good and Lawfull by the Parliament in the Year 1696 but also all persons in publick trust whether Civil or Military, were Appointed to Enter into and subscribe it Act 3 sess. 6 Parl. W. & M.

In England by an Act of the first Eliz. cap. 15 the persons therein named were ordained to take an oath

therein Mentioned commonly called the oath of Supremacy, and by Another statute of 3 Jac. 1 cap. 4 § 13 & 14 Another oath commonly called the oath of Allegiance or Obedience was Required to be taken by the persons therein Mentioned, and the 13 & 14 Car. 2 cap. 3 § 18 & 19 cap. 4 § 9 Enjoined also Another oath to be sworn, and Declaration to be subscribed in those words, I A. B. Declare, that I do not Lawfull upon Any pretence whatsover to take Arms against the King, and that I do abhor that traitorous position of taking Arms by his Authority against his person or those Committed by him. All which Oaths and Declarations were thenceafter Abrogated and Declared Void, and the following Oath and Declaration substituted in their Room. I do sincerely promise and swear that I will be a faithful and true Allegiance to their Majesties King William & Queen Mary. — I A. B. do swear that I do from my heart Abhor Detest and abjure as Impious and Heretical, that Damnable Doctrine and position, that princes are communicated & deprived by the pope or any Authority of the see of Rome, may be Deposed or Murdered by their subjects or any other whatsoever, and I do Declare that no foreign Prince, person prelate state or potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction power superiority preeminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm, W. & M. caps. 3. An Association was also Appointed to be Entered into by all in publick office or trust to the same purposes that in Scotland 768 W. 3 cap. 27. Thereafter the Abjuration oath was ordained to be taken 13614 W. 3 cap. 6. 1st sess. 1 cap. 22. By which the support and Defence of the succession to the Crown being more fully provided for, the former Association was thought unnecessary to be Continued, and therefore was Declared Void, Act 22 & 23 and a Constant formula of the oath of Abjuration to be taken after Queen Anne's Death without force of her body Established 6 A. cap. 7 § 20 & 21.