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THE "Book of Oathes" fell into my hands quite accidentally a couple of years ago. I saw it in the office of a certain prominent citizen amongst some waste papers, and when I displayed a more than ordinary interest in its contents and expressed a desire to preserve it from destruction he very kindly presented me with it. How it wandered from the custody of the Corporation strong room I am unable to say, but now that its contents will have found, as I hope, a permanent place of safety in the pages of the Journal, it will be returned by me to the Drogheda Corporation, who are the rightful owners of the manuscript. The book is not a very imposing work—a little larger than the ordinary school exercise book, it is considerably tattered, and its green cover is broken and torn away. The penmanship is exceedingly clear and neat, and the ink retains almost its original freshness. The date of the book (1783) and the title ("The Book of Oathes, Corporation of Drogheda") are contained on the title-page. All the oaths are written in the same hand except two—viz, the Oath of Allegiance on page 246 and the 2nd Oath of a Free Member on page 243, which belong to a much later date than 1783. They were probably penned at the commencement of the reign of King William the Fourth. As the Oaths explain themselves, they are printed just as they stand in the manuscript, and without note or comment.

T. GOGARTY, C.C.

BOOK OF OATHES CORPORATION OF DROGHEDA, 1783.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE. I, A.B., Do sincerely Promise and swear that I will be faithfull and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King ————
So help me God.

OATH OF 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 excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any authority of the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murdered by their subjects or any other person whatsoever, And I do Declare, that no foreign Prince Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction power or Superiority, pre-eminence or Authority, Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm

So help me God.

THE DECLARATION. I, A.B., Do solemnly and sincerely in the Presence of God, profess Testify and declare, that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, at or after the Consecration thereof, by any person whatsoever; and that the invocation

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or adoration of the Virgin Mary or any other Saint, and the Sacrifice of the Mass as they are now used in the Church of Rome are Superstitious and Idolatrous. And I do solemnly in the Presence of God profess testify and declare that I do make this declaration and every part thereof in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me as they are commonly understood by Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation or Mental Reservation whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope or any other authority or person whatsoever or without any hope of Dispensation from any Person or authority whatsoever, or without believing that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof, Altho' the Pope or any other person or persons or power whatsoever should Dispencc with or annul the same or declare that it was null and void from the beginning.

OATH OF ABJURATION. I, A.B., Do truly and sincerely acknowledge profess, Testifie and Declare in my Conscience, before God and the world, that our Sovereign ——— is Lawfull and rightfull King of this Realm and of all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging, and I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I do believe in my Conscience that the person pretended to be prince of Wales during the Life of the late King James and since his decease pretends to be and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of England by the name of James the Third or of Scotland by the name of James the Eighth or the Stile and and Title of King of Great Britain hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm or any other the Dominions thereto belonging ; And I do Renounce, Refuse, and Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to any of them and I do swear that I will bear faith and true allegiance to his Majesty ——— and him will defend to the utmost of my power against all traiterous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his person, Crown or Dignity. And I will Do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty and his successors all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against him or any of them ; And I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power to support maintain and Defend the succession of the Crown against him the said James and all other Persons whatsoever, which succession by an Act Intituled an Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the subject, is and stands Limited to the princess Sophia Electress and Duchess Dowager of Hanover and the Heirs of her Body being Protestants, and all these things I do plainly and Sincerely acknowledge and swear according to these Express words by me spoken, and according to the Plain and Common sense and understanding of the same words, without any equivocation Mental Evasion or Secret Reservation whatsoever, and I do make this Recognition, acknowledgement Abjuration, Renunciation and promise heartily willingly and truly upon the True faith of a Christian

So help me God.

NOTE ON MARGIN—This oath was altered by Statute 6 Geo. ye 3rd in England as on the other side pa. 4 (*vide infra*) and from 1 Augt., 1766, has been appointed to be taken in Ireland.

I, A.B., do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I do believe in my conscience, that not any of the Descendants of the person pretended to be

Prince of Wales, during the life of the late King James the Second and who since his decease pretended to be and took upon himself, the Stile and Title of King of England by the name of James the Third, or of Scotland by the name of James the Eighth or the Stile and Title of King of Great Britain hath any right or title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging. And I do renounce refuse and abjure any allegiance or obedience to any of them. And I do swear, that I will bear faith and true allegiance to His Majesty King George and him will defend to the utmost of my power against all traiterous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his Person Crown or Dignity. And I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known, to his Majesty and his successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies, which I shall know to be against him or any of them, and I do faithfully promise to the utmost of my power to support maintain and defend the succession of the Crown against the Descendants of the said James and against all other persons whatsoever, &c., ut supra.

OATH OF THE MAYOR.

You shall be true to Our Sovereign Lord King ——— in the office of Mayor of the Town and County of Drogheda and Justice of the Peace, Escheator and Clerk of the Markett within the said Town and County for the term of one whole year, if you so long shall continue in the said office, the Rights that appertain to our Sovereign Lord you shall to your utmost maintain and help ; You shall not consent to anything prejudicial thereunto ; if you know of anything which may be hurtful to our said Sovereign Lord, you shall discover the same with all speed and faithfulness, in such manner as the Law directs ; You shall to the best of your understanding, do Equal Right to the Poor, as to the Rich ; you shall not wilfully delay the same, nor suffer yourself to be misguided by Love, Hatred or hope of Profit ; in receiving of Writs, overseeing of Victuals and Labourers, you shall diligently behave yourself according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm ; You shall not substitute any Deputy, but such for whom you will answer, and in all things belonging to your office as Mayor, You shall truly honestly, and Indifferently behave yourself, so help you God and by the holy Contents of that Book.

OATH OF THE SHERRIFFS.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord King ——— in the office of sherriffs of the Town and County of Drogheda for the Term of one whole year, if you shall so long continue in said office. The Rights that appertain to our Sovereign Lord, you shall to your Utmost maintain and help ; you shall not consent to anything prejudicial thereunto ; If you know of anything which may be hurtful to our said Sovereign Lord, you shall discover the same with all speed and faithfulness in such manner as the Law directs ; and when any writ or precept comes to your hands, you shall diligently and Truly Execute the same and make due returns thereon ; as the Law requires ; You shall not receive any Writ but in such manner, as the Law directs ; You shall truly and Honestly execute and perform what belongeth to your office of Sherriffs, and in your Court, you shall to the best of your understanding do Right indifferently to the Poor and Rich, you shall not wilfully Delay the same, nor shall you suffer yourself to be misguided By Love, fear, Hatred or hope of Profit ;

And in all other things pertaining to your office as Sherriffs ; you shall truly honestly and Indifferently behave yourselves, so help you God and by the holy Contents of that Book.

OATH OF A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

You shall swear that during your being Justice of the Peace in the County of the Town of Drogheda, you shall do Equal Right to the Poor, and to the Rich, after the Laws and Customs of this Realm and Statutes thereof made ; You shall not be of Council with any Person in any Quarrel hearing before you ; and that you hold your sessions after the form of Statutes thereof made. You shall not lett for any Gift or other Cause But well and truly shall do your office of Justice of the Peace and that you take nothing for doing thereof, But of the King, and ffees accustomed and costs Limited by the Statute. And you shall not direct or cause to be directed any Warrant by you to be made, to the Parties, But you shall direct them to the Constables or Bailliffs of the County or other the King's officers or other indifferent Persons to do Execution thereof. So help you God and so forth.

OATH OF THE MAYOR OF THE STAPLE.

You shall well and truly serve the King's Majesty and the Merchants of the Staple within this Town, in the office of Mayor of the Staple during your continuance in that office ; You shall in all things pertaining to your office as Mayor of the Staple behave yourself Honestly and Justly, as well towards the Merchants of this Town as Strangers. So help you God.

In the margin :—N.B.—The Mayor of the Staple must take the Oath of a Justice of the Peace.

OATH OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE STAPLE.

You shall well and truly serve the King's Majesty and the Merchants of the Staple within this Town in the office of Constables of the Staple during your continuance in that office ; You shall in all things Pertaining to your office, as Constables of the Staple behave yourselves Honestly and Justly, as well towards the Merchants of this Town as Strangers

So help you God ——.

OATH OF THE CORONERS.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord _____ of Great Britain, France and Ireland and to his heirs and successors in the office of Coroners of the Town and County of Drogheda, from this Day untill the next Election Day if God gives you Life and health so long ; You shall not Consent nor Assent to any thing that may turn or be in Derogation or Hindrance unto our said Sovereign Lord or his Inheritance, if you know of any such. You shall do your diligence and power to Certifie our Lord thereof. And if you may not come to his Presence, You shall certifie and Declare to them that be his officers and of his Council that will certifie him thereof ; Writs and Precepts that come to your hands you shall truly execute and return them ; You shall truly View all that be Drowned and Murdered or die by any other Misfortune or Misadventure and truly enquire thereof and true Presentment make, and truly yield up Presentments and Indictments and Records to the

King's Justices when they come unto this County, this and all other things that belongeth or appertaineth to your office You shall well and truly and indifferently observe.

So help you God.

OATH OF THE RECORDER.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to the Mayor, Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commonalty of this Town of Drogheda, the Council of the same you shall not disclose ; the Liberties, Priviledges, Lawfull Customs and Ordinances of the same, you shall do no act that shall endanger ; and likewise when you shall be thereunto requested, you shall give your best and Soundest Advice to the Mayor for the time being, in all matters of Laws that concerns this Corporation ; you shall execute the office of Justice of the Peace within the said Town and County of Drogheda whilst you shall continue Recorder thereof, faithfully and truely according to your Witt or Discretion, You shall do equal right to the Poor as Rich ; these and all other things that appertaineth to the office of Recorder of this Town you shall well and truly execute and Perform whilst you shall continue in the said office.

So help you God.

OATH OF AN ATTORNEY.

You shall delay no man for ill will or malice ; you shall be content with the accustomed Attorney's Fee ; you shall Plead no foreign Plea, nor sue any foreign suites unlawfull, But such as shall stand with the order of Laws and your own conscience. You shall truly use and Demean yourself in the office of an attorney within this Court according to your Learning and Discretion. So help you God.

OATH OF AN ALDERMAN.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to the Mayor and Commons of the Town and County of Drogheda, in the name of Alderman within the said Town, as long as God shall grant you Life and health and while that you be resident within the said Town ; You shall yield and give subsidies Tolladge and all other charge that pertaineth to an Alderman for to do ; You shall duly come to all Assemblies that shall be holden within the said Town, if you shall have Health, and be at home, having notice thereof, and having no other Impediment, to give your best advice to the Mayor for the time being for the good government and avail of the said Town ; Whensoever the Mayor for the time being shall Call or send for you, You shall come to sitt by him, to give your best Advice and Council, this and all other things that belongeth and appertaineth to an Alderman to do, You shall well and truly observe and Do.

So help you God.

OATH OF A COMMON COUNCIL-MAN.

You shall truly honestly and indifferently, behave yourself as a Common Council-man within this Corporation to which you are now elected (for the Corporation of ———) so long as you be resident and Inhabitant in the said Corporation ; the Council of the Corporation you shall keep secret, and upon any occasion being thereunto Lawfully required, you shall give your best advice without fear

or favour for the management of such affairs as shall Concern this Corporation ; You shall duly attend at the quarter Assemblies having no lawful impediment, in this Corporation. And in all other things that belongeth to you to do as a Common Council-man you shall truly, Honestly and Indifferently behave yourself.

So help you God.

OATH OF A FREE MERCHANT.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and as well those Franchises and Grants to us, by our Sovereign Lord that now is and his Noble Progenitors as all other the lawfull Usages and Customs within this Place, you shall maintain by your Witt and Power ; You shall not free any man with your goods, by Deceit to Debarr the Towns Customs upon pain of forfeiture of your franchises, And if you have any goods that is Customable now before Oath, you shall truly pay the Custom thereof, upon the said pain. And you shall claim no longer to be free than while you be resident within this Town ; You shall purchase no Charter of Exemption, or alienation whereby you shall be exempted to bear any office within this Franchises ; You shall not discover the Town Council upon the afore-said pain ; You shall give and yield tax and Tolladge as belongeth to a free Merchant to Do according to your offence when it falleth, and you shall not by any false imaginations or procuracion Consent to any Interruption or Lessening of any point of the said Franchises and Usages upon the said pain ; And you shall not Implead any free Merchant or any other Person of his franchises out of this Franchises, of any Plea which this Court may take Knowledge of, upon the said pain ; You shall not Rebell, nor make any Insurrection, against the Mayor Sherriffs and the other Officers of this Town, or any of them for the time being, these and all other things that belongeth to a free Merchant to Do, you shall truly Do and observe.

So help you God.

OATH OF THE TREASURER.

You shall be whole and true to the Mayor Aldermen Sherriffs and Commons of the Town of Drogheda in the office of Treasurer of this Town from this day untill the next Election Day if God give you Life and Health ; the avail and Profit that belongeth to the Town aforesaid touching your said office, you shall see and Do them by all your Wit, and Power ; the Rents and other Customs and Proffits that belongeth to the said Town, you shall do your endeavour to Gather and Yield a true account of when Called thereunto, this and all other things that belongeth to your office you shall well and truly Do.

So help you God.

OATH OF THE REGISTER.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to the Mayor Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commons of the Town and Corporation of Drogheda in the office of Town Clerk, Clerk of the Peace and Register of the said Town ; You shall do nothing prejudicial to the Corporation, but in all matters when required, you shall give your best advice to the Mayor for the time being, these and all other things which belongeth to the office of Town Clerk you shall diligently observe to Do.

So help you God.

OATH OF A FREE MEMBER.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and as well those Rights and Franchises given and granted unto this Corporation, as all other the Laws, Lawfull Usages and Customs of the same, you shall maintain by your Wit and Power ; You shall claim no longer to be free than while you are Resident within this Town ; You shall do nothing that may tend to the prejudice of this Corporation but what in you lies shall promote the avail thereof ; You shall not refuse to take any office on you, that the Mayor Sherriff Burgesses and Commons shall think fitt to impose upon you. And in all things you shall Demean yourself as a faithful member of the same.

So help you God.

In a note at foot of above, the reader is referred to page 20. Page 20 contains a later form of Oath, written in a different hand. The original copyist of this oath intituled it "Oath of a Free Member," but later still this title was erased and in pencil above a new title is written "Freeman's Oath." We give the oath as it stands in the ink copy.

OATH OF A FREE MEMBER.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and as well those Rights and Franchises given and granted unto this Corporation, as all others the Laws lawfull usages and Customs of the Same, you shall maintain by your wit and Power ; You shall not cover any Goods whereby the King or this Corporation may lost their Customs or Advantages ; You shall do nothing that may tend to the prejudice of this Corporation, but what in you lies shall promote the avail thereof ; You shall not refuse to take any office on you that the Mayor Sherriffs Burgesses and Commons shall think fit to impose upon you ; and in all things you shall demean yourself as a faithful member of the same.

So help you God.

OATH OF A FREE COMMONER.

You shall be true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to his heirs and successors, and as well these Franchises Grants and Liberties to us by our Sovereign Lord that now is and his Noble Progenitors Given and Granted, as these laudable Laws, Usages and Customs of this Corporation, you shall maintain by your Wit and Power ; You shall well and honestly behave yourself in the Trade Occupation and Mistery of the Fraternity of ——— in this Town whereof you are now made free. And you shall not claim any longer to be free of the said Fraternity, then while you shall inhabit and be resident in this Town ; You shall not refuse to take any office upon you, which by the Mayor Sherriffs Burgesses and Commons of this Town, you shall be thought capable of, and able to bear ; You shall give and Yield Tax and Tolladge as belongeth to a brother to your Fraternity to do according to your affERENCE when it falleth ; You shall not discover the Town's Councel, nor by any false imagination or Procuration Consent to any Interruption or Lessening any Point of the said Franchises, Liberties Usages or Customs ; You shall not implead any Coburgess or any other Person or Persons of this Town or franchises thereof, out of this Franchise of any Plea which this Court shall take knowledge of, you shall not Rebell or make any Insurrection in maintaining, Ayding or assisting any Person against the Mayor Sherriffs or other officers in doing Lawfully their offices ; And during the time you shall be Master or Warden of your Fraternity, you shall not conceal or Detain any fine that shall be imposed on any Brother of the said Fraternity, neither

shall you during that time make any free of that Fraternity, before you present the Parties before the Mayor for the time being, and his name enrolled according to the words of your Charter, this and all other things that you are tyed to do, or of right ought to do by your Charter, as that belongeth to a free-Commoner of this Town to do, you shall well and truly observe and Do.

So help you God.

OATH OF A WEIGH-MASTER.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord ——— in the office of Weight Master in this Corporation ; you shall do Equal right to the Poor, as to the Rich ; You shall not suffer yourself to be misguided by Love fear or hope of Profit, but in all things that belongeth to your office of Weight Master, you shall well and truly behave yourself.

So help you God.

OATH OF AN APPRAIZOR.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to the Mayor Sherriffs Burgesses and Commons of this Town in the office of an Appraizor within this Town (and the Liberties of the same) you shall do equal Right to the Poor as to the Rich during your continuance in the said office ; these and all other things that belongeth to your office as Appraizor ; you shall well and truly observe and Do according to your best skill and knowledge.

So help you God.

OATH OF THE SEAL MASTER.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to the Mayor Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commons of the Town of Drogheda in the office of Searcher and Sealer within the said Town ; You shall seal no Leather but what is Merchantable and well Tanned, and if any other comes to your hands to be seal'd you shall seize the same and bring it before the Mayor for the time being, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Town, and County, that the owners of the Leather may be dealt with as in such case the Law directs ; You shall take the usual fees and no more and honestly do, according to your best skill and knowledge.

So help you God.

OATH OF THE WATER BAILIFF.

You shall be whole and true to the Mayor Sherriffs Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda, in the office of Water Bailiff, of the said Town, so long as you shall Continue in the said office. You shall carefully supply all ships and Merchants with good sufficient planks and Measures, necessary for the loading and unloading all Ships and Vessels coming to the Quay ; You shall take care that the Porters and Bearers do their office unto every Man indifferently and not to suffer or permitt them to Imbezell or Conceal any Part or Parcel of any man's goods whatsoever to the best of your knowledge ; You shall take care that no dirt or Rubbish of any sort be cast into the river, and to acquaint the Mayor for the time being therewith, if any be, or to Present the same, at the next Sessions ; You shall take care that the Perches of the River be kept up as they ought to be, so that no

Damage may come to the shipping on the River for want thereof, to the utmost of your power you shall duly Execute all Warrants and Precepts upon the Water to you directed, by the Mayor Sherriffs or Justices of this Town, these and all other things pertaining to your office as Water Bailiff, you shall well and truly observe and perform to the best of your Power.

So help you God.

THE WATER BAILIFF'S DUTY.

To supply the ships and Merchants coming to the Quay with good sufficient Planks and Measures, necessary for the loading and unloading all ships and vessels coming to the Quay.

To cause the Porters and Bearers to do their office unto every man indifferently and not to suffer or Permitt them to Conceal or Imbezell any part or Parcel of any Mans Goods whatsoever.

To take care of the River that no Dirt or Rubbish of any sort be Cast into it and to acquaint the Mayor for the time being, if there be, or present the same at the next Sessions.

To take care of the Perches of the River, and to keep them up as they ought so that no damage may come to the shipping on the River for want thereof, to the utmost of his Power.

OATH OF A SERGEANT.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to the Mayor Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commons of the County of the Town of Drogheda in the Office of Sergeant of the said Town. All actions or Writs that belong to this Town Court, you shall do your utmost endeavour to Execute; and such actions as are by you executed you shall duly and truly return every Court Day: these and all other things that belongeth to a Sergeant of this Town, you shall well and truly observe to Do.

So help you God.

OATH OF A CONSTABLE.

You shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord ——— and the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the Town of Drogheda in the office of Constable within your ward untill the next election Day; You shall do your utmost to see the King's Majesty's Peace to be kept and to apprehend and take up all Idle, sturdy and Vagrant Beggars, hanting or resorting within your ward; as also all such as play at unlawful games or at unlawfull hours; You shall duly* attend the watch as Constable of your ward, execute all Warrants and Precepts, and truly account for all publick money that shall come to your hand,† and whatsoever belongeth to your office as Constable you shall well and truly observe and Do.

So help you God.

OATH OF A MASTER PORTER.

You shall be whole and true to our Sovereign Lord ——— and to the Mayor Sherriffs, Burgesses and Commons of this Town of Drogheda, and in the office of Master Porter, in your measuring of all things within the Corporation. You shall

* In a later hand.

† Erased.

do equal Right to all Men that you are employed by. Neither shall you suffer yourself to be misguided by Love fear or hope of Profitt, but in all things that belongeth to your office of Master Porter you shall well and truly behave yourself.

So help you God.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty King William the Fourth and will defend him to the utmost of my power against all Conspiracies and Attempts whatever, which shall be made against his Person Crown or Dignity ; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which may be found against him or them : and I do faithfully promise to maintain support and defend, to the utmost of my Power the Succession of the Crown, which Succession by an Act Intituled “ An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject ” is and stands limited to the Princess Sophia Electress of Hannover and the Heirs of her Body, being Protestant, hereby utterly renouncing and abjuring any obedience or allegiance unto any other Person claiming or pretending a Right to the Crown of this Realm. And I do further declare that it is not an article of my Faith and that I do renounce, reject and abjure the opinion that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope or any other authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects or by any person whatsoever. And I do declare, that I do not believe that the Pope of Rome or any other foreign Prince, Prelate, Person, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Temporal or civil Jurisdiction, Power Superiority or Pre-eminence directly or indirectly within this Realm. I do swear that I will defend to the utmost of my Power the Settlements of Property within this Realm as established by the Laws. And I do hereby disdain, disavow and solemnly abjure any Intention to subvert the present Church Established as settled by Law within the Realm. And I do solemnly swear, that I never will exercise any privilege to which I am or may become entitled to disturb or weaken the Protestant Religion or Protestant Government in the United Kingdom ; And I do solemnly in the prseence of God, profess testify and declare, that I do make this Declaration and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words of this oath, without any evasion, equivocation or Mental Reservation whatsoever.

So help me God.

