

this state; the house took the same into consideration, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the governor, chancellor, judges, justices, and the other civil officers of government, take the following oaths respectively, before they enter into the execution of their respective offices:

**The oath of the governor.** I, A. B. elected governor of the state of Maryland, by the senate and house of delegates thereof, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office diligently and faithfully, according to the constitution and laws of the said state, without favour, affection, or partiality; and that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain, and defend, the state of Maryland, the constitution and laws, the freedom and independency thereof, against all open enemies, or secret and traitorous conspiracies, and will protect the people thereof in the secure enjoyment of all their rights, and privileges, and will constantly endeavour, that the laws of the state be duly observed, and that law and justice in mercy be executed in all judgments, and that I will peaceably and quietly resign the office of governor to which I have been elected, at the period to which my continuance in the said office is or shall be limited by law and the constitution. So help me God.

That the said oath be administered to the governor by the president of the senate, in the senate house, in the presence of the members of both houses of the general assembly.

**The oath of a member of the council.** I, A. B. elected a member of the council of Maryland, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office diligently and faithfully, according to the constitution and laws of the said state, without favour, affection, or partiality; and that I will keep secret such proceedings and orders of the council, as the board shall direct to be concealed, unless when the same shall be called for by either house of assembly.

**The oath of the chancellor, and of the judge or justice of any court.** I, A. B. chancellor, judge, or justice, do solemnly promise and swear, that (as chancellor, judge, or justice) I will do equal law and right in every case in which I shall act as chancellor, judge, or justice, according to the laws thereof, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay; and will behave myself justly, honestly, and faithfully, in the said office, according to the best of my knowledge and understanding, so long as I shall continue therein. So help me God.

That the oath to the chancellor be administered to him by the governor, and that any judge or justice qualify in court, before any one in commission with him, or before any qualified judge or justice out of court.

**The oath of an attorney at law.** I, A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will well and truly behave and demean myself in the office of attorney of \_\_\_\_\_ court, in all things appertaining to the duties thereof, according to the best of my skill and judgment. So help me God.

**The oath of attorney general, clerks of the general and county courts, and all other civil officers of this state.** I, A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will well and truly behave and demean myself in the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in all things appertaining to the duties thereof, according to the best of my skill and judgment, and without favour, affection, or partiality. So help me God.

And that every attorney general and attorney at law shall, before he acts as such, take the oath of fidelity to this state.

**Form of a commission to the chancellor, judge of the court of admiralty, judges of the court of appeals or the general court.** The state of Maryland to A. B. of \_\_\_\_\_ county, Esq; Greeting. Be it known, that reposing great trust and confidence in your integrity and sound judgment in the law, you are appointed and assigned chancellor, or judge of the court of admiralty, or judge of the court of appeals, or of the general court (as the case may be) and that you (or that you and every of you jointly and severally) are appointed and assigned chancellor or judge of the court of admiralty, or judge of the court of appeals, or the general court, to do equal law and right in every case in which you shall act as chancellor or judge, according to the laws of this state, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay; and you and every one or more of you are assigned the judges of the general court, and you and every three or more of you are assigned the judges of the court of appeals, to execute the same justly, honestly, and faithfully, according to law; and you are to hold and exercise the said office of chancellor or judge for and during your good behaviour in your said office. Given under the seal of the state of Maryland, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Witness C. D. chancellor.

**Form of a commission to the justices of the county court.** The state of Maryland to A. B. C. D. &c. of \_\_\_\_\_ county, Gentlemen, Greeting. Be it known, that this state reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, integrity and love of justice, you and every of you, jointly and severally, are appointed and assigned justices of \_\_\_\_\_ county court, to do equal law and right in every case in which you shall act as justice, according to the laws of this state, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay; and you and every three or more of you are assigned the justices of \_\_\_\_\_ county court, to execute the same justly, honestly and faithfully,