

Sec. 6. Every person elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust under this constitution, or under the laws made pursuant thereto, shall, before he enters upon the duties of such office, take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:

"I, _____, do swear (or affirm, as the case may be), that I will support the constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the constitution and laws thereof, and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of _____ according to the constitution and laws of this State, and (if a Governor, Senator, member of the House of Delegates or judge) that I will not, directly or indirectly, receive profits or any part of the profits, of any other office during the term of my acting as _____."

Sec. 7. Every person hereafter elected or appointed to office in this State who shall refuse or neglect to take the oath or affirmation of office provided for in the sixth section of this article shall be considered as having refused to accept the said office, and a new election or appointment shall be made, as in case of refusal to accept or resignation of an office; and any person violating said oath shall, on conviction thereof in a court of law, in addition to the penalties now or hereafter to be imposed by law, be thereafter incapable of holding any office of profit or trust in this State.

THE QUESTION OF TESTIMONY AGAIN.

Mr. Farnandis submitted the following:

Ordered, That the report of the committee on the legislative department be recommitted, with instructions to report the following additional section: "No person shall be incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by act of the General Assembly."

Mr. Jones, in view of the attacks which had been made upon him for reporting this provision in the bill of rights, made remarks in explanation. It was charged that it was the inauguration of the radical ideas. It was as-