

land, 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 that since the adoption of the present constitution, I have not in any manner violated the provisions thereof in relation to bribery of voters or preventing legal or procuring illegal votes to be given; (and if a governor, senator, member of the house of delegates or judge,) that I will not directly or indirectly receive the profits or any part of the profits of any other office during the time of my acting as _____. I do further swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the United States and the government thereof, and to the State of Maryland, any law or ordinance of any State to the contrary notwithstanding, and that I have never, either directly or indirectly, by word, act or deed, given any aid, comfort or encouragement to those in rebellion against the government of the United States or the lawful authorities thereof; and all this I swear voluntarily, without any, the least, mental equivocation, reservation or qualification whatsoever, so help me God. And if any person elected or appointed to office as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to take the said oath or affirmation, he 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 or resignation, and any person swearing or affirming falsely in the premises, shall, on conviction thereof in a court of law, incur the penalties for wilful and corrupt perjury, and be thereafter incapable of voting at any election, and also incapable of holding any office of profit or trust in this State.

Mr. Scott submitted the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "be," in the fifth line, and insert:

"That I will be faithful and support the constitution and laws of Maryland, and that I will to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of _____, and that since the adoption of the present constitution I have not in any manner violated the provisions thereof in relation to bribery of voters, or preventing legal or procuring illegal votes to be given, (and if a governor, senator, member of the house of delegates or judge,) that I will not directly or indirectly receive the profits or any part of the profits of any other office during the time of my acting as _____, and that I owe paramount allegiance to the constitution and government of the United States, any law or ordinance of the general assembly or State convention of Maryland to the contrary notwithstanding; that I will defend the said constitution and government of the United

States to the last extremity, against every enemy, and that since the commencement of the civil war and rebellion, I have never in any manner either directly or indirectly by word or deed given aid or encouragement to those in rebellion against the United States, that I have never sympathized with them, nor desired their success, but have uniformly and at all times denounced them not only as rebels against and traitors to their country, but as enemies of the human race."

Mr. STIRLING submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out all after the word "that," in first line of the amendment, and insert:

"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 that since _____ I have not in any manner violated the provisions of the present, or of the late constitution, in relation to the bribery of voters, or preventing legal votes or procuring illegal votes to be given (and if a governor, senator, member of the house of delegates, or judge,) that I will not directly or indirectly receive the profits or any part of the profits of any other office during the term of my acting as _____; I do further swear or affirm that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the constitution and laws thereof, and that I will bear true allegiance to the United States, and support, protect and defend the constitution, laws and government thereof, as the supreme law of the land, any law or ordinance of this or any State to the contrary notwithstanding; that I have never directly or indirectly by word, act or deed given any aid, comfort or encouragement to those in rebellion against the United States or the lawful authorities thereof, but that I have been truly and loyally on the side of the United States against those in armed rebellion against the United States; and I do further swear or affirm that I will, to the best of my abilities, protect and defend the Union of the United States, and not allow the same to be broken up and dissolved, or the government thereof to be destroyed under any circumstances if in my power to prevent it, and that I will at all times discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object such dissolution or desecration."

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. All these oaths are exceedingly objectionable and must be to every reflective mind, and under no circumstances will I record my vote in favor of any one of them. The amendment of the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stirling) goes even further than the amendment of the gentleman from Cecil county (Mr. Scott.) While the gentleman from Cecil county requires that every one who holds office should swear that upon all occasions he has de-