Headnotes

Oath of office; persons required by Law to take

Present Constitution

Sec. 6. Every person ing as .....

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Sec. 6. Every person elected, or appointed, to any elected, or appointed, to any elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust, under office of profit or trust, under office of trust or profit under this Constitution, or under this Constitution, or under the Laws, made pursuant the Laws, made pursuant the laws made pursuant thereto, shall, before he en- thereto, shall, before he en- thereto, before he shall enter ters upon the duties of such ters upon the duties of such office, take and subscribe the office, take and subscribe the following oath, or affirma- following oath, or affirmation: I, ....., do tion; I, ...., do swear, mation: I, ...., do swear, swear, (or affirm, as the case | (or affirm, as the case may | (or affirm, as the case may may be), that I will support be,) that I will support the be) that I will, to the best the Constitution of the Constitution of the United of my skill and judgment, United States; and that I States; and that I will be diligently and faithfully, will be faithful and bear true faithful and bear true alleallegiance to the State of giance to the State of Mary-dice, execute the office of Maryland, and support the land, and support the Constitution and Laws there- Constitution and Laws there- tution and laws of this State, of; and that I will, to the of; and that I will, to the and that since the fourth day best of my skill and judg- best of my skill and judg- of July, in the year eighteen ment, diligently and faith- ment, diligently and faith- hundred and fifty-one, I have fully, without partiality or fully, without partiality or not in any manner violated prejudice, execute the office prejudice, execute the office the provisions of the present, of....., according to the of ....., according to the or of the late Constitution, Constitution and Laws of Constitution and Laws of in relation to the bribery of this State (and, if a Gover- this State, (and, if a Gover- voters, or preventing legal nor, Senator, Member of the nor, Senator, Member of the votes or procuring illegal House of Delegates, or House of Delegates, or votes to be given (and if a Judge), that I will not di- Judge,) that I will not di- Governor, Senator, Member rectly or indirectly, receive rectly or indirectly, receive of the House of Delegates, the profits or any part of the the profits or any part of the or Judge), that I will not, during the term of my act- office during the term of my

acting as .....

## Constitution of 1864

Sec. 7. Every person this Constitution, or under upon the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirwithout partiality or preju-...., according to the Constiprofits of any other office profits, of [of] any other 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

## Constitution of 1851

office of profit or trust under | and every judge and justice, the Constitution or laws before they act as such, shall made pursuant thereto, be- respectively take an oath, fore he shall enter upon the "that he will not, through duties of such office shall favour, affection, or partialtake and subscribe the fol- ity, vote for any person to lowing oath or affirmation: office, and that he will vote I, A. B., do swear (or af- for such person as in his firm, as the case may be,) judgment and conscience he that I will support the con- believes most fit and best stitution of the United qualified for the office, and States, and that I will be that he has not made, nor faithful and bear true alle- will make, any promise or giance to the State of Mary- engagement to give his vote land, and support the Con- or interest in favour of any stitution and laws thereof; person." that I will to the best of my skill and judgment diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of ...... before they proceed to any according to the Constitu- business, and every person tion and laws of this State, hereafter elected a senator, and that since the adoption or delegate, before he acts of the present Constitution, as such, shall take an oath I have not, in any manner, of support and fidelity to violated the provisions there- this State as aforesaid, and of in relation to bribery of before the election of the 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 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 fidelity to this State as this cording to the constitution in the premises, shall, on conviction thereof in a court of law, incur the penalties

## Constitution of 1776

Sec. 4. Every person 50. That the governor, elected or appointed to any every member of the council, 28. That the senators and delegates, immediately on their annual meeting, and governor, or members of the council, shall take an oath "to elect without favour, affection, partiality, or prejudice, such person, as governor, or member of the council, as they, in their judgment and conscience, believe best qualified for the office."

> 43. That every person who shall offer to vote for delegates, or for the electors I will Support the Constituof the senate, or for the tion and laws thereof and sheriff, shall (if required by | that I will to the best of my any three persons qualified | Skill and judgment, diligentto vote) before he be admit- ly and faithfully, without ted to poll, take such oath partiality or prejudice, exeor affirmation of support and cute the office of ....... ac-Convention or the legislature and laws of this State. shall direct.

## Amendments to 1776 Constitution

Proposed by Act of 1822, chapter 204. Ratified 1823.

Every member of the Senate and House of Delegates before he shall act as Such, shall take and subscribe, the following oath or affirmation, to wit; I, A. B., do Swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance. to the State of Maryland, and that I will Support the Constitution and laws thereof: 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 Senator (or member of the House of Delegates) and that I will faithfully discharge my duty as Senator (or member of the House of Delegates) without prejudice or partiality to the best of my skill and judgment and that Electors of the Senate and all executive and Judicial officers before they act as such and all persons elected or appointed to to any office of profit or trust, civil or military, before entering upon the duties thereof, shall respectively take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation to wit: I, A. B., do Swear, or affirm, as tht case may be. that I will faithfully and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland, and that