

Oaths of
office, &c.

and the constitution; so help me God.' * * * * The oath of a chancellor: 'I, A. B. chancellor, do solemnly promise and swear, that, as chancellor, I will do equal right and justice according to law, equity and good conscience, in every case in which I shall act as chancellor, 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 help me God.' * * * * The oath of the judge or justice of any other court: 'I, A. B. judge or justice, do solemnly promise and swear, that (as judge or justice,) I will do equal right and justice according to the law of this state, in every case in which I shall act as judge or justice, 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 help me God.' 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, clerk 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.' * * * * Form of a commission to a sheriff, coroner, surveyor, or any other civil officer of government: The state of Maryland to A. B. of ——— county, Esquire, greeting: Be it known, that reposing especial trust and confidence in your prudence and honesty, you are appointed sheriff, or one of the coroners, or surveyor of ——— county, to hold the said office of ———, with all lawful fees, profits, privileges and benefits, to the said office of ——— belonging, until you shall be duly discharged therefrom, and to execute the duties of the said office with diligence and fidelity, without favour, affection or partiality, according to law. 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.

Forms of
commission

This section contains a formula of an oath, to be taken by the members of the council. They are abolished by the amendments to the constitution in 1836, and confirmed in 1837; also the formula of an oath to be taken by the judge of the court of admiralty. This jurisdiction has been transferred to, and assumed by the federal government. It contained the form of the commission to, and the oath to be taken by the judges of the courts of common law. The form of commission to and the oath of office to be taken now by them is prescribed by 1805, ch. 65, sec. 2, 4, 6.