

and I make this oath (or affirmation) without any reservation or evasion, and believe it to be binding on me." And shall be entitled to hold office upon taking before any officer or person authorized to administer an oath, the following oath or affirmation :

Officers' oath

I, ———, do swear (or affirm as the case may be,) 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 fourth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, I have not in any manner violated the provisions of the present or 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 ———; and 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, and I do further swear (or affirm,) that I will to the best of my ability, 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 destruction.

Ibid s 2
Whom officers
of registration
to register as
qualified
voters.

32. The several officers of registration shall register as a qualified voter, every person who shall apply for registration and claim the benefit of this act, upon his taking the oath or affirmation, herein before first set out in the first section hereof, *pro-*