ARTICLE XXIII.

OFFICIAL OATHS.

- 1 Oath of governor.
- 2 Secretary of state, judges of the Court of Appeals and clerk, State reporter, librarian, adjutant-general, treasurer, comptroller, commissioner of the Land Office
- 3 Members of the General Assembly
- 4 Clerks of courts
- 5 Corporation officers

- 7 Test-book to be kept
- 8. Oath prescribed, declaration of belief
- 9 Oath of office
- 10 Officer neglecting to take, presumed to decline
- 11 Fee, names to be reported to secretary of state
- 12 Oath of deputies and under clerks
- 1. The governor shall take and subscribe the oath prescribed by Art 68, 8 1 the Constitution, on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing Oath his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, between the hours of twelve and two o'clock P.M., in the Senate Chamber, before the chief judge of the Court of Appeals, or in case of his sickness, absence, or inability from any other cause, to attend, before one of the associate judges of said court; and the said oath shall be recorded in the test-book of the Court of Appeals.

2. The secretary of state, the judges of the Court of Appeals and 1d s 2. their clerk, the State reporter, the State librarian, the adjutant-gen- 1852, c 172, s 3, erel the treasurer comptroller and commissioner of the Land Office, 1856, c 182, s 1 eral, the treasurer, comptroller, and commissioner of the Land Office, Oaths of secreshall take and subscribe the said oath before the governor, and the tary of state, judges of same shall be preserved in a book to be kept by the secretary of state. Court of State reporter, librarian, adjutant-general, treasurer, comptroller, commissioner of Land Office 9 Md 83, 10 Md. 451

3. The oath required to be taken and subscribed by the members 1d s 3 of the General Assembly, shall be administered by a member of the lost members of the of members of Senate to the president, who shall administer the same to the other bly. members of that body and to its officers, and the same shall be subscribed accordingly, and be administered by one of the members of the House of Delegates to the speaker, and by him to the other members of that body and to its officers, and the same shall be subscribed accordingly.

4. The clerks of the Circuit Courts for the counties, the Superior 1d s 4 Court of Baltimore City, the Court of Common Pleas, the Baltimore Clerks of courts. City Court, the Circuit Court of Baltimore, and the Criminal Court of Baltimore, shall severally take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the Constitution, before the judges of their respective courts.

5. All corporation officers, except the mayor or chief magistrate, 1d s 5. shall take such oath as may be prescribed by law or ordinance, be- Corporation 6. fore the mayor or chief magistrate of the corporation.

6. All other officers elected or appointed to any office of trust or Id s 6 profit under the Constitution and laws of this State, including the 1854, c 172, s 1. mayors or other chief magistrates of municipal corporations, shall Other officers. 23 Md 513, take and subscribe the said oath, in the city of Baltimore before the 25 Md. 217. clerk of the Superior Court, and in the several counties before the