

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 68, sec. 10. 1852, ch. 172, sec. 5. 1854, ch. 18, sec. 9.

**10.** Any person, whether elected or appointed to office, who shall decline or neglect to take and subscribe the oaths prescribed by the constitution, or by law or ordinance, for the period of thirty days from the day when the commission of such officer has been received at the office of the respective clerks, or in those cases in which no commission is sent to the clerks, within thirty days after receiving his commission or notice of his appointment, shall be deemed to have refused said office.

Constitution, art. 1, sec. 7. *Magruder v. Tuck*, 25 Md. 217.

*Ibid.* sec. 11. 1852, ch. 172, sec. 4.

**11.** The clerk of the superior court and clerks of the circuit courts (who shall be entitled to a fee of ten cents for administering the aforesaid oath, to be paid by the party), shall report to the secretary of state, at least once a month, the names and offices of all officers who have taken and subscribed the same before them, respectively, which reports shall be carefully preserved by the said secretary of State; and he shall be competent to certify the character and qualification of officers equally with the aforesaid clerks.

*Ibid.* sec. 12. 1779, ch. 25, sec. 9.

**12.** All deputies and under clerks of the clerks of any of the courts in this State, of the registers of wills, commissioner of the land office and sheriffs, before they enter upon the duties of their several offices, shall severally take and subscribe the following oath: I, A. B., do swear that I will not for lucre or malice delay any person applying to me for any business belonging to the office I officiate in, and that I will not directly or indirectly ask, take, exact, demand or receive from or charge to any such person to my own use any fee or reward whatsoever, for any services I may do as deputy of the said office, and that in making out the office fees I will not wittingly or willingly charge other or higher fees than are allowed by law.