

in as full a manner as might have been done by the legislature of the late province of the Massachusetts Bay.

CHAPTER V.—SECTION 2.

The Encouragement of Literature, &c.

Wisdom and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties, and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them : especially the university at Cambridge, public schools, and grammar schools in the towns ; to encourage private societies and public institutions, by rewards, and immunities for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures, and a natural history of the country ; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings : sincerity, good humour, and all social affections and generous sentiments among the people.

CHAPTER VI.

Oaths and subscriptions ; incompatibility of, and exclusion from, offices ; pecuniary qualifications ; commissions ; writs ; confirmation of laws ; habeas corpus ; the enacting style ; continuance of officers ; provision for a future revisal of the constitution, &c.

Article 1. Any person chosen governor, lieutenant-governor, counsellor, senator, or representative, and accepting the trust, shall, before he proceed to execute the duties of his place or office, make and subscribe the following declaration, viz.

“ I, A. B., do declare that I believe the Christian religion, and have a firm persuasion of its truth ; and that I am seized and possessed, in my own right, of the property required by the constitution, as one qualification for the office or place to which I am elected.”

And the governor, lieutenant-governor, and counsellors, shall make and subscribe the said declaration in the presence of the two houses of assembly ; and the senators and representatives first elected under this constitution, before the president and five of the council of the former constitution ; and, for ever afterwards, before the governor and council for the time being.

And every person chosen to either of the places or offices aforesaid, as also any person appointed or commissioned to any judicial, executive, military, or other office, under the government, shall, before he enter on the discharge of the business of his place or office, take and subscribe the following declaration and oaths, or affirmations, viz.

“ I, A. B., do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare, that the commonwealth of Massachusetts is, and of right ought to be, a free, sovereign, and independent state ; and I do swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the said commonwealth, and that I will defend the same against traitorous conspira-