

aforesaid oaths before the Governor, and the same shall be preserved in a book to be kept by the Secretary of State. CHAP. 173.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Clerks of the Superior Court and Clerks of the Circuit Court (who shall be entitled to a fee of ten cents for administering the aforesaid oath) 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 him ; and he shall be competent to certify the character and qualifications of officers equally with the aforesaid clerks. Clerks to report to Secretary of State names and offices.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any person, whether elected or appointed to office, who shall decline or neglect to take and subscribe the oaths or affirmations for the period of thirty days, after the returns of elections, or notifications of appointments, shall be deemed to have refused acceptance of such office. Oath to be taken within thirty days.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to apply to members of the General Assembly, or to corporation officers, or to those employed under either. Not to apply to members of General Assembly, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the oath or affirmation required to be taken and subscribed by the members of the General Assembly, shall be administered by a member of the Senate to the President, who shall administer the same to the other 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. Oath of members of General Assembly and officers.

CHAPTER 173.

AN ACT to authorise the Clerks of Courts to make Orders and to issue Commissions in Equity Cases, and to adjourn Court in certain cases. Passed May 24, 1852.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Clerks of the Circuit Courts, and the Clerk of the Superior Court for Baltimore May pass orders of nisi.