

prevent a citizen, conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath in any case and who are permitted by the constitution to affirm in certain cases, from taking a seat in the legislature, or from being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath of support to this government, shall be repealed; and hereafter a solemn affirmation or declaration of support to this government may be taken, and shall be received instead of an oath, by any citizen chosen a delegate or elector of the senate, conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath in any case, and who is permitted by the constitution to affirm in certain cases.—*Nov. 1788, c. 42, § 2. confirmed by 1789, c. 1.*

4. Every person being a member of either of the religious sects or societies called quakers, menonists, tunkers or nicolites, or new quakers, and who shall be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath on any occasion, being otherwise qualified and duly elected a senator, delegate, or elector of the senate, or being otherwise qualified and duly appointed or elected to any office of profit or trust, on making affirmation instead of taking the several oaths appointed by the constitution and form of government, and the several acts of assembly of this state now in force, or that hereafter may be made, such person may hold and exercise any office of profit or trust to which he may be appointed or elected, and may, by such affirmation, qualify himself to take a seat in the legislature, and to act therein as a member of the same in all cases whatever, or to be an elector of the senate, in as full and ample a manner, as persons are now competent and qualified to act who are not conscientiously scrupulous of taking such oaths; and the several clauses and sections of the constitution contrary to the provisions of this act, so far as they respect either of the sects or societies aforesaid, shall be repealed, on the confirmation hereof.—*1794, c. 49, § 1, 3, confirmed by 1795, c. 11.*

See *Quakers, 1.---Surveyors, 6.*

ALIENS.

1. **A**LL aliens and foreigners who may be guilty of, or indicted for any offence committed within this state, shall, for every such offence, be tried by a jury of the county, in the same manner as natives and citizens of this state are, and shall be tried for similar offences, and there shall be no challenge either to the array or polls of the jury returned for the trial of such alien or foreigner, for want of foreigners on the said pannel or jury thereon returned.—*1789, c. 22, § 5.*

2. Aliens secured by lending money on mortgage. See *Mortgages art. 1, 2, 3.*

3. Aliens may purchase lands in the territory of Columbia.—See *Columbia art. 5.*

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