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Skipper of such Boat or Vessel a Certificate, expressing the Tonnage of such Boat or Vessel, and the Distance it sailed from the Place where it was hired or impressed; which Certificates shall entitle the Bearer thereof to receive of the Treasurer of either Shore of this State the Pay directed by this Act. And if such Carriages and Teams, or Boats and Vessels, were employed in the continental Service, then the Expences of such Carriages and Teams, or Boats or Vessels, the said Treasurer shall charge to the Continent.

XII. AND, To prevent any Dispute about the Passage over Ferries, and the Price therefor,

In what Manner Ferriages are to be paid for Troops, &c.

XIII. Be it enacted, That where any Troops or Baggage shall be carried over any regular, public, or County Ferry, in this State, it shall be lawful for the commanding Officer, either to pass with his Troops as Passengers, or to hire the Ferry-Boat entire to himself and his Party, debarring others for that Time, in his Option; and in case he shall chuse to take Passage for himself and Party, as Passengers, he shall only pay for himself, and each Person under his Command, one fourth of the ordinary or usual Rate payable by single Persons at any such Ferry, and a reasonable Reward for the Baggage to be ascertained by Agreement with the commanding Officer, or by the Oath of some indifferent Person, which Oath may be administered by such commanding Officer; and in case he shall hire the Ferry-Boat for himself and Party, he shall pay half of the ordinary Rate or Hire for such Boat or Boats; and in such Places where there are no regular Ferries, but all Passengers hire Boats at the Price they can agree for, Officers, with or without Parties, are to agree for Boats, at the same Rate as other Persons in like Cases; the Expences of the said Ferriages to be paid by the commanding Officer or Quarter-Master, and if such Officer has not a Supply of Money for such Purposes, then to give to the Keeper of the Ferry a Certificate, ascertaining the Sum due, which Certificate shall entitle him to receive his Pay of the Treasurer of either Shore, the said Money so advanced to be charged by either the Treasurers of this State, in the same Manner as Monies advanced for Carriages and Teams and Boats and Vessels aforesaid.

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An ACT to direct the Forms of the Commissions to the Judges and Justices and Civil Officers of this State, and the Oath of Office to be taken by the Governor, the Chancellor, Judges, Justices, and all Civil Officers of this State.

Oaths of Office to be taken by

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor, Chancellor, Judges, Justices, and all other Civil Officers of Government, shall take the following Oaths respectively, before they enter into the Execution of their respective Offices.

The Governor;

The Oath of the Governor. " I, A. B. elected Governor of the State of Maryland, by the Senate and House of Delegates thereof, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my Skill and Judgment, execute the said Office, diligently and faithfully, according to