

C H A P.  
XX.

Civil Officers  
&c. to take

the Oath of  
Fidelity.

XIII. And be it enacted, That every Senator, Delegate to Congress or Assembly, Member of the Council, Electors of the Senate, and every Attorney at Law, and all civil Officers, and all Persons holding any Office of Trust or Profit in this State, shall take, repeat, and subscribe the following Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State, before he acts as such, or enters into the Execution of his Office, to wit, "I, A. B. do swear, that I do not hold myself bound to yield any Allegiance or Obedience to the King of Great-Britain, his Heirs or Successors, and that I will be true and faithful to the State of Maryland, and will, to the utmost of my Power, support, maintain, and defend the Freedom and Independence thereof, and the Government as now established, against all open Enemies, and secret and traitorous Conspiracies, and will use my utmost Endeavours to disclose and make known to the Governor, or some one of the Judges or Justices thereof, all Treasons or traitorous Conspiracies, Attempts, or Combinations, against this State or the Government thereof, which may come to my Knowledge. So help me God."

To be taken  
within three  
Months, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That every Member of the present General Assembly, and the Council, shall take, repeat, and subscribe the said Oath, immediately after the passing this Act, and before he acts as such; and if any Person now holding any Office of Trust or Profit, shall not, within three Months after the End of this present Session, take, repeat, and subscribe the same Oath, or Affirmation if a Quaker, Menonist or Dunker, he shall be *ipso facto* disqualified to hold such Office, and the Office of such Person shall be filled agreeable to its Institution.

Voters, &c.  
to take the  
same Oath.

XV. And be it enacted, That every Voter for Delegates or Sheiffs, or for Electors of the Senate, if required, and every other Person required by Law to take the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State, shall take, repeat, and subscribe the same Oath, or if a Quaker, Menonist or Dunker, shall solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm thereto in the Words thereof.

Persons not  
to travel  
without a  
Pass.

XVI. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall travel into or pass through or from this State to any other, without a Pass or safe Conduct, signed by some Member of Congress, or by the Governor, or some Judge or Justice of this State, or of the State of which he is a Subject or Resident, he shall be liable to be apprehended and carried before some Judge or Justice for Examination, who may commit him to the public Gaol, if an Offender against the Laws, or dangerous Person to this State, or to the United States, or any of them, there to remain till discharged by due Course of Law, and if not an Offender or dangerous as aforesaid, the said Judge or Justice may discharge him and give him a Pass.

XVII. Whereas several Persons, late Inhabitants of this State, have, since the fourteenth Day of August, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, deserted the Defence of this Country in the present just and necessary War,

Penalty on  
Persons who  
have deserted  
this State,  
&c.

XVIII. Be it enacted, That no Person whatsoever, who hath deserted as aforesaid, or any Person who since the said Time hath left this State