

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777. 19

The oath of an attorney at law. I, A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will well and truly behave and demean myself in the office of attorney of _____ court, in all things appertaining to the duties thereof, according to the best of my skill and judgment. So help me God.

The oath of attorney general, clerks of the general and county courts, and all other civil officers of this state. I, A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that I will well and truly behave and demean myself in the office of _____ in all things appertaining to the duties thereof, according to the best of my skill and judgment, and without favour, affection, or partiality. So help me God.

And that every attorney general and attorney at law shall, before he acts as such, take the oath of fidelity to this state.

Form of a commission to the chancellor, judge of the court of admiralty, judges of the court of appeals or the general court. The state of Maryland to A. B. of _____ county, Esq. Greeting. Be it known, that reposing great trust and confidence in your integrity and sound judgment in the law, you are appointed and assigned chancellor, or judge of the court of admiralty, or judge of the court of appeals, or of the general court (as the case may be) and that you (or that you and every of you jointly and severally) are appointed and assigned chancellor or judge of the court of admiralty, or judge of the court of appeals, or the general court, to do equal law and right in every case in which you shall act as chancellor or judge, according to the laws of this state, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay; and you and every one or more of you are assigned the judges of the general court, and you and every three or more of you are assigned the judges of the court of appeals, to execute the same justly, honestly, and faithfully, according to law; and you are to hold and exercise the said office of chancellor or judge for and during your good behaviour in your said office. Given under the seal of the state of Maryland, this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

Witness C. D. chancellor.

Form of a commission to the justices of the county court. The state of Maryland to A. B. C. D. &c. of _____ county, gentlemen, Greeting. Be it known, that this state reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge, integrity, and love of justice, you and every of you, jointly and severally, are appointed and assigned justices of _____ county court, to do equal law and right in every case in which you shall act as justice, according to the laws of this state, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay; and you and every three or more of you are assigned the justices of _____ county court, to execute the same justly, honestly and faithfully; according to the law, until you shall be duly discharged from your said office. Given under the seal of the state of Maryland, this _____ day of _____ seventeen hundred and seventy-seven.

Witness C. D. chancellor.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brice and Mr. Bruff from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 18, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have proceeded to ballot for commissioners to meet at York-Town, and have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Craufurd, in conjunction with William Paca and Turbutt Wright, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The senate proceeded to ballot for commissioners to repair to York-Town in Pennsylvania, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee appointed by this house to join the committee of the house of delegates, to take the joint ballot of both houses, who retired to the conference room, and after some time return and report; that on examining the ballots of both houses, the following gentlemen had a majority of votes: Mr. Norman Bruce, Mr. John Bracco, Mr. Henry Griffith, Mr. Joseph Sim, and Mr. Thomas Smyth. Whereupon it is declared by the senate, that Mr. Norman Bruce, Mr. John Bracco, Mr. Henry Griffith, Mr. Joseph Sim, and Mr. Thomas Smyth, are duly elected commissioners to repair to York-Town in Pennsylvania, for the purposes mentioned in the recommendation of congress of the 15th of February last, and that any three or more of them have full power and authority to act.

Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock. JOHN

W E D N E S D A Y, March 19, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. The same members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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