

RESOLVED therefore, That the said Benjamin Rumsey and Solomon Wright, Esquires, be judges of the general court; Mr. Samuel Ridgeway justice for Queen-Anne's county; Mr. John Beall surveyor of Prince-George's county; and Mr. Thomas Barrow surveyor of Caroline county: Mr. John Veazy, 3d, register of wills; and Mr. Meveril Lock naval officer.

Turbutt Wright, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to direct the forms of commissions to the judges and justices, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 26, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, April 3, 1777: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

The amendments proposed are as follow:

After the oath of a member of the privy council insert the following: "The oath of chancellor. I, A. B. chancellor do solemnly promise and swear, that as chancellor I will do equal right and justice according to law, equity and good conscience, in every case in which I shall act as chancellor, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay, and will behave myself justly, honestly and faithfully, in the said office, according to the best of my knowledge and understanding. So help me God.

"Oath of judge of the court of admiralty. I, A. B. do solemnly promise and swear, that as judge of the court of admiralty I will do equal right and justice according to law, in every case in which I shall act as judge of the court of admiralty, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay, and will behave myself justly, honestly and faithfully, in the office of judge of the court of admiralty, according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God."

In the first line of the second page, strike out the words "of the chancellor and."

In the same line insert the word "other," between the words "any" and "court."

In the second line of the same page strike out the word "chancellor," between the letter "B" and word "judge;" also strike out the word "chancellor" at the end of the same line.

In the third line of the same page strike out the words "law and," and between the words "right" and "in" in the same line, insert the words "and justice according to the law of this state;" and in the fourth line strike out the word "chancellor;" in the same line strike out the words "according to the laws thereof."

Strike out the words "so long as I shall continue therein" in the sixth and seventh lines.

After the form of the oath to the attorney general, &c. insert the following:

"Form of a commission to the judges of the court of appeals and the general court. The state of Maryland to A. B. C. D. &c. Esquires, Greeting. Be it known, that reposing great trust and confidence in your integrity and sound judgment in the law, you, and every of you, are jointly and severally appointed and assigned judges of the court of appeals, or general court, (as the case may be) to do equal right and justice, according to the law of this state, in every case in which you shall act as judges, jointly or severally, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay. And you, and every three or more of you, are assigned judges of the court of appeals, or you, and every one or more of you, are assigned judges of the general court, (as the case may be) to execute the office of judge of the said court justly, honestly and faithfully, according to law, and you are to hold and execute the said office of judge for and during your good behaviour. Given under the seal of the state of Maryland, this day of _____ in the year of our lord seventeen hundred and, &c.

"Witness C. D. chancellor."

In the nineteenth and twentieth lines of the second page, strike out the words "judges of the court of appeals or the general court."

Strike out from the word "or" in the twentieth line of the same page, to the word "court" in the last line, inclusive.

In the last line of the same page, strike out the words "law and," and between the word "right" in the same line, and the word "in" in the first line of the third page, insert "and justice according to law."

Between the words "judge" and "freely" in the same line and page, strike out the words "according to the laws of this state." Strike out from the word "delay" in the second line of the same page, to the word "to" in the fourth line of the same page.

Between the words "same" and "justly," in the fourth line of the same page, insert the words "office of judge of the court of admiralty."

In the 14th line of the same page, strike out the words "law and," and between the word "right" in the same line, and the word "in" in the 15th line, insert "justice, according to the law of this state."

In the same 15th line, strike out the words, "according to the laws of this state;" and in the 18th line, between the words "same" and "justly," insert the word "office."

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

The amendments were severally read and agreed to, and the bill passed for engrossing.

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