

general, attorney general, register of the land office, commissioner of the loan office, clerk of the general court, or of a county court, treasurer, naval officer, sheriff, surveyor, or auditor of public accounts, shall receive directly or indirectly, at any time, the profits or any part of the profits of any office, exercised by any other person, during his acting in the office to which he is appointed, his election, appointment and commission shall be void, and on conviction in a court of law, by the oath of two credible witnesses, he shall suffer the punishment for wilful and corrupt perjury, be banished this state for ever, or disqualified for ever from holding any office or place of trust or profit, as the court may adjudge.

29. That upon the death, resignation, or removal out of this state of the governor, the first named of the council, for the time being, shall act as governor, and qualify in the same manner, and shall immediately call a meeting of the general assembly, giving not less than fourteen days notice of the meeting, at which meeting a governor shall be appointed, in manner aforesaid, for the residue of the year.

30. That the governor for the time being, by and with, and not without, the advice and consent of the council, may appoint the chancellor, and all judges and justices, the commissary general, attorney general, register of the land office, commissioners of the loan office, treasurer, naval officers, sheriffs, surveyors, clerks of the general court and county courts, and all other civil officers of government (constables and overseers of the roads only excepted) and all military officers, and may also suspend or remove any civil officer (who has not a commission during good behaviour) or any military officer.

31. That the commissary general, attorney general, judge of the court of admiralty, clerk of the general court, the clerks of the county courts, and the register of the land office, hold their commissions, during good behaviour, removable only for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law, or on conviction by impeachment.

32. That the sheriffs shall be appointed annually, and shall not be nominated or commissioned for more than three successive years, and having served three succeeding years, shall be incapable to serve for three years from the expiration thereof.

33. That the treasurer, naval officers, and all civil officers, who do not hold commissions during good behaviour,
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