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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 the constitution and laws of the said state, without favour, affection or partiality; and that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend, the state of Maryland, the constitution and laws, the freedom and independency thereof, against all open enemies, or secret and traitorous conspiracies, and will constantly endeavour to protect the people thereof, in the secure enjoyment of all their rights and privileges; and that the laws of the state be duly observed, and that law and justice, in mercy, be executed in all judgments, and that I will peaceably and quietly resign the office of governor, to which I have been elected, at the period to which my continuance in the said office is or shall be limited by law and the constitution. So help me God."

Member of the council;

The oath of a member of the council. "I, A. B. elected a member of the council of Maryland, 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 the constitution and laws of the said state, without favour, affection or partiality, and that I will not divulge or make known any of the proceedings and orders of the council which shall be directed by them to be kept secret, unless when the same shall be called for by either house of assembly. So help me God."

Chancellor;

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."

Judge of the court of admiralty;

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 and understanding. So help me God."

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