

C H A P. XX. court of this state, such person shall be fined not exceeding one hundred pounds current money, in the discretion of the court.

Persons forging lottery tickets, &c. to suffer death.

X. **And be it enacted,** That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall, within or without this state, and if any person whatever shall, within this state, forge or counterfeit any of the tickets in the United States lottery, or shall forge or counterfeit any of the certificates, bills or notes of the continental loan-office, or alter the sum expressed in any of the said certificates, bills or notes, or shall offer, or cause to be offered, in payment, any such counterfeit, forged or altered certificate, bill or note, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged or altered, and shall be thereof convicted in the general court, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, such person shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

Persons forging bills of credit to suffer death.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall, within or without this state, and if any person whatever shall, within this state, forge or counterfeit any of the bills of credit issued by congress, or by any assembly, convention, legislature, or other supreme authority of this state, or any other of the United States, or shall alter the sum expressed in any of the said bills of credit, or shall offer, or cause to be offered, in payment, any such counterfeit, forged or altered bill of credit, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged or altered, and shall be thereof convicted in the general court of this state, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, such person shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

In case of invasion governor may arrest dangerous persons, &c.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That in case this state shall be invaded by the enemy, the governor for the time being, with the advice of the council, shall have full power and authority to arrest, or order to be arrested, all persons whose going at large the governor and council shall have good grounds to believe may be dangerous to the safety of this state, and the same persons to confine during such invasion, to such places as the governor and the council shall think proper, or to limit such persons to particular districts in this state, or in their discretion to discharge such person on security; and that during any invasion of this state by the enemy, the *habeas corpus* act shall be suspended, as to all such persons arrested by the order of the governor and council.

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 sheriffs, or for electors of the senate, if required, and every other person required by law to take the oath