

THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND.

general (c), naval officers, officers in the regular land and sea service, officers of the militia, registers of the land office, surveyors, and all other civil officers of government, (assessors, constables, and overseers of the roads only excepted,) and may also suspend or remove any civil officer who has not a commission during good behaviour, and may suspend any militia officer for one month, and may also suspend or remove any regular officer in the land or sea service; and the governor may remove or suspend any militia officer in pursuance of the judgment of a court martial.

49. That all civil officers of the appointment of the governor and council, who do not hold commissions during good behaviour, shall be appointed annually in the third week of November (d), but if any of them shall be reappointed they may continue to act without any new commission or qualification; and every officer, though not reappointed, shall continue to act until the person who shall be appointed and commissioned in his stead shall be qualified.

50. That the governor, every member of the council, and every judge and justice, before they act as such, shall respectively take an oath (e) that he will not, through favour, affection or partiality, vote for any person to office, and that he will vote for such person as in his judgment and conscience he believes most fit and best qualified for the office, and that he has not made, nor will make, any promise or engagement to give his vote or interest in favour of any person.

51. That there be two registers of the land-office, one upon the western, and one upon the eastern shore; that short extracts of the grants and certificates of the land on the western and eastern shores respectively, be made in separate books, at the public expense, and deposited in the offices of the said registers, in such manner as shall hereafter be provided by the General Assembly.

52. That every chancellor, judge, register of wills, commissioner of the loan office, attorney general (f), sheriff, treasurer, naval officer, register of the land office, register of the chancery court, and every clerk of the common law courts, surveyor, and auditor of public accounts, before he acts as such, shall take an oath (g) that he will not, directly or indirectly, receive any fee or reward for doing his office of —, but what is or shall be allowed by law, nor will, directly or indirectly, receive the profits, or any part of the profits, of any office held by any other person, and that he does not hold the same office in trust or for the benefit of any other person.

53. That if any governor, chancellor, judge, register of wills, attorney general, (h) register of the land office, commissioner of the loan office, register of the chancery court, or any clerk of the common law courts, 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 held by any other person during his acting in the office to which he is appointed, his election, appointment and commission, on conviction in a court of law, by the oath (i) of two credible witnesses, shall be void, and he shall suffer the punishment for wilful and corrupt perjury, or 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.

(c) See note (t) to the 40th section.

(d) Act of 1811, ch. 211, confirmed by 1812, ch. 129.

(e) Act of 1794, ch. 49, confirmed by 1795, ch. 11.

(f) See note (t) to the 40th section.

(g) See note (e) to the 50th section.

(h) See note (t) to the 40th section.

(i) See note (e) to the 50th section.