

## ARTICLE 4.

All persons who shall be chosen or appointed to any office of profit or trust, before entering on the execution thereof, shall take the following oath: "I do swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the constitution of this state, to exercise the office to which I have been appointed, and will, to the best of my abilities, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of this state, and of the United States."

## ARTICLE 5.

§ 1. That the house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeaching; but no impeachment shall be made, unless with the concurrence of two-thirds of the house of representatives.

2. All impeachments shall be tried by the senate. When sitting for that purpose, the senators shall be on oath or affirmation: and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

3. The governor, lieutenant-governor, and all the civil officers, shall be liable to impeachment for any misdemeanour in office; but judgment in such cases shall not extend further than to a removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honour, trust, or profit, under this state. The party convicted shall, nevertheless, be liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment, according to law.

## ARTICLE 6.

§ 1. The judges of the superior courts, the commissioners of the treasury, secretary of the state, and surveyor-general, shall be elected by the joint ballot of both houses, in the house of representatives. The commissioners of the treasury, secretary of this state, and surveyor-general, shall hold their offices for four years: but shall not be eligible again for four years after the expiration of the time for which they shall have been elected.

2. All other officers shall be appointed as they hitherto have been, until otherwise directed by law; but sheriffs shall hold their offices for four years, and not be again eligible for four years after the term for which they shall have been elected.

3. All commissions shall be in the name and by the authority of the state of South Carolina, and be sealed with the seal of the state, and be signed by the governor.

## ARTICLE 7.

All laws in force in this state at the passing of this constitution, shall so continue until altered or repealed by the legislature; except where they are temporary, in which case they shall expire at the times respectively limited for their duration, if not continued by act of the legislature.

## ARTICLE 8.

§ 1. The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall, for ever hereafter, be