

ARTICLE VII.—*Concerning the Militia.*

§ 1. The militia of this commonwealth shall consist of all free, able-bodied male persons (negroes, mulattoes, and Indians excepted), resident in the same, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years; except such persons as now are, or hereafter may be, exempted by the laws of the United States or of this state; but those who belong to religious societies, whose tenets forbid them to carry arms, shall not be compelled to do so, but shall pay an equivalent for personal services.

§ 2. The governor shall appoint the adjutant-general, and his other staff officers; the major-generals, brigadier-generals, and commandants of regiments, shall, respectively, appoint their staff officers; and commandants of companies shall appoint their non-commissioned officers.

§ 3. All militia officers, whose appointment is not herein otherwise provided for, shall be elected by persons subject to military duty, within their respective companies, battalions, regiments, brigades, and divisions, under such rules and regulations, and for such terms, not exceeding six years, as the general assembly may, from time to time, direct and establish.

ARTICLE VIII.—*General Provisions.*

§ 1. Members of the general assembly, and all officers, before they enter upon the execution of the duties of their respective offices, and all members of the bar, before they enter upon the practice of their profession, shall take the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be), that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of this state, and be faithful and true to the commonwealth of Kentucky, so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my abilities, the office of _____ according to law; and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm), that since the adoption of the present constitution, I, being a citizen of this state, have not fought a duel, with deadly weapons, within this state nor out of it, with a citizen of this state, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, with a citizen of this state; nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, or assisted any person thus offending—so help me God.

§ 2. Treason against the commonwealth shall consist only in levying war against it, or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason, unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act or his own confession in open court.

§ 3. Every person shall be disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit for the term for which he shall have been elected, who shall be convicted of having given or offered any bribe or treat to procure his election.

§ 4. Laws shall be made to exclude from office and from suffrage, those who shall thereafter be convicted of bribery, perjury, forgery, or other crimes or high misdemeanors. The privilege of free suffrage shall be supported by laws regulating elections, and prohibiting,