

cies, and all hostile attempts whatsoever: and that I do renounce and abjure all allegiance, subjection, and obedience to the *king queen, or government of Great Britain, (as the case may be,)* and every other foreign power whatsoever: and that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate, hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction, superiority, pre-eminence, authority, dispensing or other power, in any matter, civil, ecclesiastical, or spiritual, within this commonwealth, except the authority and power which is or may be vested by their constituents in the congress of the United States: And I do further testify and declare, that no man or body of men hath or can have any right to absolve or discharge me from the obligation of this oath, declaration, or affirmation; and that I do make this acknowledgment, profession, testimony, declaration, denial, renunciation, and abjuration heartily and truly, according to the common meaning and acceptation of the foregoing words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever. *So help me God.*

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as _____, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the constitution, and the laws of the commonwealth. *So help me God.*"

Provided always, that when any person chosen or appointed as aforesaid shall be of the denomination of the people called Quakers, and shall decline taking the said oaths, he shall make his affirmation, in the foregoing form, and subscribe the same, omitting the words, "*I do swear,*" "*and abjure,*" "*oath or*" "*and abjuration,*" in the first oath; and in the second oath, the words "*swear and,*" and in each of them the words "*so help me God;*" subjoining instead thereof, "*This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.*"

And the said oaths or affirmations shall be taken and subscribed by the governor, lieutenant-governor, and counsellors, before the president of the senate, in the presence of the two houses of assembly: and by the senators and representatives first elected under this constitution, before the president and five of the council of the former constitution; and, for ever afterwards, before the governor and council for the time being; and by the residue of the officers aforesaid, before such persons as, from time to time, shall be prescribed by the legislature.

2. No governor, lieutenant-governor, or judge of the supreme judicial court, shall hold any office or place under the authority of this commonwealth, except such as by this constitution they are admitted to hold, saving that the judges of the said court may hold the offices of justices of the peace through the state; nor shall they hold any other place or office, or receive any pension or salary, from any other state, or government, or power, whatever.

No person shall be capable of holding or exercising, at the same time, within this state, more than one of the following offices, viz. judge of probate, sheriff, register of probate, or register of deeds: and never more than any two offices, which are to be held by appointment of the governor, or the governor and council, or the senate, or the house of representatives or by election of the people of the state at large, or of the