

solemn oath or affirmation, to support the Constitution of this State, and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of such offices. The presiding officer of the Senate shall administer such oath or affirmation to the Governor in convention of both Houses, and the Governor shall administer the same to the Lieut. Governor, to the Senators, and to the Delegates in like manner. Whenever the Governor is unable to attend, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, may administer the oath to him, at any place, and also to the Lieutenant Governor, Senators, Delegates in Convention. Other officers may take such oath or affirmation, before the Governor, Chief Justice, or any other person who may be designated by law.

Sec. 11. Treason against this State shall consist only in levying war against it, in adhering to its enemies, or giving them aid and comfort. And 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.

Sec. 12. The Governor shall be *Ex-Officio* superintendent of Native affairs until otherwise provided by law.

Amendment of the Constitution

Article 5

This Constitution may be altered whenever two thirds of both branches of the General Assembly shall

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