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REVISED STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED OCTOBER 22, 1840;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

United States and of the State of Maine,

AND TO WHICH ARE SUBJOINED THE OTHER

PUBLIC LAWS OF 1840 AND 1841,

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

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CHAP. 9.

CHAPTER 9.

OF THE TENURE OF OFFICES.

SECT. 1. Tenure of offices, when not pro- SECT. 2. Certain officers excepted.

Tenure of offices, when not provided for by the constitution.
1824, 257.

Section 1. All civil officers, who shall be appointed by the governor and council, whose tenure of office is not otherwise provided for, or limited by the constitution, otherwise than during the pleasure of the governor and council, shall hold and exercise their respective offices for the term of four years and no longer, unless reappointed; subject, however, to removal at any time, within said term, at the discretion of the governor and council.

Certain officers excepted. 1824, 257. Sect. 2. But the preceding section shall not be construed to extend to ministers of the gospel, who are, and may be, appointed to solemnize marriages; or to such persons as are or may be commissioned by the governor, before whom certain judicial, executive and civil officers are required by law to take and subscribe the oaths or affirmations, required by the constitution.

CHAPTER 10.

OF QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS.

The justices of the supreme judicial court, the attorney general, secretary, treasurer, adjutant general and quarter master general, shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation required by the constitution, before the governor and council, when in session, and, in their recess, before any two members of the council; and every other person elected, or appointed, or commissioned, to any judicial, executive, or civil office, shall take and subscribe the same before any one member of the council, or before any one of the magistrates commissioned by the governor for that purpose, excepting in cases where the constitution has otherwise provided.

CHAPTER 11.

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