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SCHEDULES**CHAPTER 169.****OFFICIAL OATHS.**

16 of 1923.
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An Ordinance Prescribing the Oaths to be taken by certain Officials.

[4TH AUGUST, 1923.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Official Oaths Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and to the Protectorate.

Forms of oaths prescribed by this Ordinance.

2. The oaths in this Ordinance referred to as the oath of allegiance, the official oath, the judicial oath, the oath of an executive councillor and the oath of the clerk of the Executive Council shall be in the forms set out in the first schedule to this Ordinance.

Executive Council.

3. The oath of allegiance and the oath of an executive councillor shall be taken by each member of the Executive Council, and such oaths shall be tendered by the Governor, or presiding member, at a meeting of the Executive Council.

4. The oath of allegiance and the oath of the clerk of the Executive Council shall be taken by the clerk of the Executive Council, and such oaths shall be tendered by the Governor or presiding member at a meeting of the Executive Council.

Clerk of
Executive
Council.

5. The oath of allegiance shall be taken by each member of the House of Representatives and such oath shall be tendered by the Speaker or presiding member at a meeting of the House of Representatives.

House of
Represent-
atives.

6. The oath of allegiance and the judicial oath shall be taken as soon as may be after his acceptance of office and in manner in that behalf mentioned in the second schedule to this Ordinance by each of the officers named in the said schedule.

Judicial
officers.

7. The oath of allegiance and the official oath shall be taken as soon as may be after his acceptance of office and in manner in that behalf mentioned in the third schedule to this Ordinance by each of the officers named in the said schedule and by such other officers as the Governor may by Order prescribe.

Executive
officers.

8. The oath of allegiance, the official oath, and the judicial oath shall be taken as soon as may be after his acceptance of office and in manner in that behalf mentioned in the fourth schedule to this Ordinance by each of the officers named in the said schedule and by such other officers as the Governor may by Order prescribe.

Officers
combining
judicial and
executive
functions.

9. If any person, when any oath required to be taken by him under this Ordinance is duly tendered, declines or neglects to take such oath, he shall, if he has already entered on his office, vacate the same, and if he has not entered on the same be disqualified from entering on the same, but no person shall be compelled in respect of the same office to take such oath more times than one, or, whilst he is holding an office in respect of which he has taken the oath of allegiance, to take the oath of allegiance on appointment to the Executive Council or the House of Representatives.

Penalty on
not taking
required
oath.

10. (1) Any person, who has once taken the oaths laid down by sections six, seven and eight of this Ordinance in respect of his appointment to one of the offices therein prescribed, shall not be required to take such oaths a second time in respect of the same or of any subsequent appointment to the same office.

Oaths not to
be taken a
second time
in certain
cases.

(2) Any person who has once duly taken the oaths laid down by section eight of this Ordinance, in respect of one of the offices therein prescribed, shall not thereafter be required to take such oaths a second time in respect of any other office therein prescribed.

(3) Any person who has once duly taken the oaths laid down for an executive councillor by section three, or for a member of the House of Representatives by section five, whether as an ordinary or an extraordinary member, shall not, if reappointed an ordinary or an extraordinary member of the Executive Council or of the House of Representatives, either immediately upon the termination of his previous appointment or within the space of one year from the time of his taking such oaths, be required a second time to take such oaths as an executive councillor or member, as the case may be.

3 of 1950.

Name of the
Sovereign in
the oath.

11. Where in any oath under this Ordinance the name of Her present Majesty is expressed, the name of the Sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the time being shall be substituted from time to time.

Provision in
favour of
persons
permitted to
make
affirmations.

12. When an oath is required to be taken under this Ordinance, every person for the time being by law permitted to make a solemn affirmation or declaration instead of taking an oath, may instead of taking such oath make a solemn affirmation in the form of the oath hereby appointed substituting the words "solemnly, sincerely, and truly declare and affirm," for the word "swear," and omitting the words "so help me God."

Sec. 2.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM OF OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I,, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors according to law. So help me God.

FORM OF OFFICIAL OATH.

I,, do swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second in the office of So help me God.

FORM OF JUDICIAL OATH.

I,, do swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second in the office of and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this Colony without fear, favour, affection or ill-will. So help me God.

FORM OF OATH OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR.

I,, being chosen and admitted of Her Majesty's Executive Council in this Colony, do swear that I will, to the best of my judgment at all times when thereto required, freely give my counsel and advice to the Governor or officer administering the Government of the Colony of Sierra Leone for the time being, for the good management of the public affairs of this Colony, that I will not directly or indirectly reveal such matters as shall be debated in council and committed to my secrecy, but that in all things I will be a true and faithful councillor. So help me God.

FORM OF OATH OF CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

I,, being appointed clerk of Her Majesty's Executive Council in this Colony, do swear that I will not, directly or indirectly, reveal such matters as shall be debated in council and committed to my secrecy. So help me God.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Sec. 6.

The Chief Justice	Before the Governor
Puisne Judges	}	Before the Governor or the Chief Justice
Police Magistrates		
Judicial Adviser		
Justices of the Peace	Before the Governor or such person as the Governor may appoint.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Sec. 7.

Deputy Governor	Before the Governor or such person as the Governor may appoint.
Attorney General	
Comptroller of Customs	
Accountant General	
Director of Audit	
Commissioner of Labour	
Commissioner of Income Tax	
Chairman and Members, Public Service Commission	
Solicitor General	
Senior Crown Counsel	
Crown Counsel	
Financial Secretary	
Administrative Secretary	
Establishment Secretary	

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Sec. 8.

Administrative Officers	Before the Governor or such such person as the Governor may appoint.
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