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TEST OATHS.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution upon the subject of test oaths have had the same under consideration, and a majority have agreed to and instructed me to report the following ordinances, and the same is respectfully submitted for adoption by the Convention.

W. A. SMITH. *Chairman.*

AN ORDINANCE.

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Delegates of North Carolina, in Convention assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, That the third and fourth sections of the seventy-sixth chapter of the Revised Code, entitled "Oaths," be so amended, that the words "Confederate States" be substituted in the place of the words "United States" wherever it occurs in the said sections or any other section of the said chapter.*

SEC. 2. *Be it further ordained, That all members of the General Assembly, and all officers now holding or exercising any office of trust or profit, or who shall hereafter be elected or appointed to any office of trust or profit, within the State, shall take the following oath or affirmation: I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm as the case may be) that I will*

7 support the Constitution of the Confederate States of Ame-
8 rica ; so help me God.

SEC. 3. *Be it further ordained,* That if any person or per-
2 sons shall, by his or their acts, conduct, or expressions, give
3 reasonable grounds of suspicion of disaffection or disloyalty
4 to the government or constituted authorities of this State,
5 or the government of the Confederate States, upon com-
6 plaint made by any citizen of this State, on oath, before any
7 justice of the peace, or any Judge of this State or the Con-
8 federate States' Courts, specifying particularly the said acts,
9 conduct, or expressions ; the Judge or Justice is hereby au-
10 thorized to issue a warrant to any constable or other officer
11 commanding him to arrest the said person or persons and
12 bring him or them with said warrant before any three jus-
13 tices of the peace of this State, or any Judge of the Courts
14 aforesaid, who shall impartially inquire into the facts, and if
15 sufficiently established to their or his satisfaction, the said
16 Justices or Judge shall cause the said person or persons to
17 take, and if required, shall subscribe the following oath, to
18 wit : "I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm as the case may
19 be) that I will faithfully demean myself as a peaceable citi-
20 zen of North Carolina ; that I will be subject to the laws
21 and authorities that are or may be established for the good
22 government thereof, not inconsistent with the Constitution
23 of this State and the Constitution of the Confederate States
24 of America, either by yielding an active or passive obedi-
25 ence thereto ; and that I will not abet or join the enemies of
26 the State, by any means, or any conspiring whatever against
27 the State ; that I will disclose and make known to the le-
28 gislative, executive or judicial powers of this State, all
29 treasonable conspiracies which I shall know to be made or
30 intended against the State ; and that I will support the Con-
31 stitution of the State not inconsistent with the Constitution
32 of the Confederate States. And that I will support the
33 Constitution of the Confederate States of America." And
34 thereupon the said person or persons shall, upon payment of

35 the costs of said warrant be discharged; and if said person
36 or persons shall fail or refuse to take (and if required) sub-
37 scribe said oath, the Judge or Justices aforesaid, shall re-
38 quire him or them to enter into bond with sufficient security
39 securities to depart the State within such time as the Judge
40 or Justices may in their discretion prescribe; and in the
41 mean time to be of good behaviour; and in default of such
42 bond and securities, the said person or persons may, by the
43 Judge or Justices, be committed to prison until he or they
44 shall comply with this ordinance.

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