

Allegiance.

Form of the Oath.

A.

“I do swear, (or being one of the persons allowed by law to affirm in civil cases, do affirm,) that I have resided seven years in His Majesty’s dominions, without having been during that time resident in any foreign country; and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Sovereign of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of this province, as dependent thereon.”

By the 1 W. 4. c. 8. the period of three years mentioned in the last act for taking the oath, is extended to four years from the passing of this act, and thence to the end of the next session.

ALLEGIANCE.

ALLEGIANCE is the *tie* which binds the subject to the King, in return for the protection which the king affords the subject. 1 *Bl. Com.* 396. And there is an implied, original and virtual, allegiance owing from every subject to his sovereign, although the subject never swore any oath or allegiance in form. 2 *Inst.* 121. 1 *Bl. Com.* 368. which upon the death of the king, in actual possession of the crown, is due to his heir and successor before his coronation. 3 *Inst.* 7. 1 *Hale.* 61. 102. 1 *Haw. c.* 17. § 19.

Allegiance is of two sorts, the one *natural*, the other *local*; the former being perpetual, the latter only temporary.

Natural allegiance is such as is due from all men born within the king’s dominions immediately upon their birth; and this cannot be forfeited, cancelled or altered, by any change of time, place or circumstance, nor by any thing but the united concurrence of the legislature. 1 *Bl. Com.* 359. 2 *P. Wm.* 124. 1 *Hale* 68. 96. *Fst.* 7.

Local allegiance is such as is due from an alien or stranger born, for so long a time as he continues within the king’s dominions and protection; and this ceases the instant such stranger transfers himself from this kingdom to another. 1 *Bl. Com.* 370.

Oath of Allegiance.

I, A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to his Majesty King William the fourth, and him will defend to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies and attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his person, crown and dignity; and I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty, his heirs