

24. No commissioned or non-commissioned officer having the command of any soldier or soldiers quartered or posted in any district of any county in this State, shall muster or embody any of the said troops, or march any recruiting party within the view of any place of election during the time of holding said election, under the penalty of one hundred dollars. This section not to apply to the city of Baltimore.

25. When the poll shall be closed, the box wherein the ballots are deposited shall immediately thereafter be opened by the judge or judges of the election, and the said judge or judges shall publicly, in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend, carefully take out the said ballots, and read distinctly and aloud the name or names written or printed thereon respectively, and the clerks of said election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the books of the polls, so that the number of votes for each candidate tallied thereon may be readily cast up and known.

26. If upon opening any of the said ballots, there be found any more names written or printed on any of them than there ought to be, or if any two or more of such ballots or papers be deceitfully folded together, or if the purpose for which the vote is given is not plainly designated thereon, such ballot shall be rejected and not counted.

27. As soon as the ballots shall be read off and counted, and the number for each candidate reckoned up and ascertained, the judge or judges of election shall make out, under his or their hands, attested by the clerks, of the election, or one of them, on the books of the polls, two plain, fair and distinct statements and certificates of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the station or office for which he has been voted.

28. The said numbers shall be expressed in words at length, and not in figures only, according to the following form, or to the like effect, to wit: "State of Maryland ——— county, to wit: We the undersigned, duly appointed by the county commissioners of said county, or by a justice of the peace or the voters (as the case may be) in due form of law, judge or judges of election in this district, No. ———, do hereby certify and return that we did attend on the ——— of ———, ——— at ———, the place appointed by law for holding the elections within said dis-