

after a certain period of good behavior, or consequent upon legislative action.<sup>128</sup> The provision which required the General Assembly to provide by law for taking the votes of soldiers in the army of the United States serving in the field<sup>129</sup> will be considered later, as the main opposition centered around this entirely new provision when it was applied to the vote on the ratification of the Constitution.<sup>130</sup>

The new instrument showed a number of changes in regard to state officials, and the positions they occupied. In the Executive Department the old "Gubernatorial Districts," from each of which the Governor was chosen in turn,<sup>131</sup> were abolished, thus doing away with a useless and cumbersome institution. The salary of the chief executive was raised from \$3600 to \$4000.<sup>132</sup> A proposal to give him the veto power was speedily tabled by the Convention, which considered this an unnecessary departure from the custom of the past.<sup>133</sup> As the judiciary and most of the other state officers were to be elected his appointing power was small.

The office of Lieutenant-Governor was created—an entirely new departure for the State of Maryland. The same qualifications and same manner and time of election were prescribed as in the case of the Governor. This new officer was to preside over the Senate with the right of a casting vote in case of a tie, and was also to succeed to the office of the Executive, in case of the "death, resignation, removal from the state, or other disqualification" of the latter. He was to receive no salary but the same compensation as that allowed the Speaker of the House of Delegates during the sessions of the General Assembly.<sup>134</sup> The creation of this office was an idea which originated in the Conven-

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<sup>128</sup> Proc., 474-5.      <sup>129</sup> Art. 1, sec. 2.      <sup>130</sup> See pages 88-90.

<sup>131</sup> There were three districts—Eastern Shore, Western Shore, and western part of the state. See Cons. 1850-1, Art. ii, sec. 5.

<sup>132</sup> Article ii, section 22.      <sup>133</sup> Deb., ii, 898.      <sup>134</sup> Art. ii, sec. 6-10.