

any vote, and of the clerk, before he shall enter any vote on the polls—
see *oath of office*, 30, 31.

4. Every person entitled and offering to vote for representatives for this state in the congress of the United States, shall have a right to vote for one person, being a resident of his district at the time of the election, and having resided therein 12 calendar months immediately before, and otherwise qualified according to the constitution of the United States, and the candidate having the greatest number of votes shall be declared to be duly elected for that district.—1790, c. 16, § 8.

5. After the polls in the several counties, and the city of Annapolis and Baltimore town, shall be closed, and the votes cast up by the judges, the names of the several persons voted for in the several counties, &c. shall be written on parchment or paper, and the number of votes for each candidate in the several counties, &c. enumerated and set down, which number shall be written in words at length; and the polls, and other papers relating to the elections, shall be sealed up and deposited with the clerks of the several county courts, and on such names and numbers being so set down and written, the judges of the several elections, when assembled at the usual place for holding elections, shall respectively, within the space of 3 days after the said elections, sign and seal the papers or instruments on which the same are so written, and shall make out, sign, seal and execute duplicate returns thereof, one whereof shall be delivered to the clerk of the county to be kept safely, and the other copy shall be sealed up, and delivered or safely transmitted, by the sheriff of the proper county within 10 days after each election, under the penalty of 50l. current money, to the governor and council, for their inspection, who, after having received the returns, papers and instruments aforesaid, shall ascertain the number of votes for each candidate so chosen as representatives or electors respectively, and shall thereupon declare, by proclamation signed by the governor, and without delay dispersed through the state, the names of the persons duly elected as representatives and electors respectively; and the governor and council shall transmit a certificate of the election of the representatives, under the seal of the state, to the secretary of state for the United States, or other proper officer authorized to receive the same, to be by him delivered to the house of representatives in congress, when they shall be assembled at the time and place directed and fixed on by congress.—*ibid.* § 9.

6. The said elections shall be free, and made *viva voce*—*ibid.* § 10.

7. The electors so as aforesaid to be chosen, shall assemble on such day as congress shall hereafter, from time to time determine and appoint, at Annapolis, and shall then and there perform the duties enjoined upon them by the said constitution of the United States.—*ibid.* § 11.

8. The said electors shall receive the same *per diem* allowance, and itinerant