

SEC. 5. In the trial of all criminal cases, the Jury shall be the Judges of law as well as of fact.

SEC. 6. The right of trial by jury of all issues of fact in civil proceedings in the several Courts of Law in this State, where the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of five dollars, shall be inviolably preserved.

SEC. 7. All general elections in this State shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year in which they shall occur ; and the first election of all officers which under this Constitution are required to be elected by the people, shall, except in cases herein specially provided for, be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year 1867.

SEC. 8. The Sheriffs of the several counties of this State, and of the City of Baltimore, shall give notice of the several elections authorized by this Constitution, in the manner prescribed by existing laws for elections to be held in this State, until said laws shall be changed.

VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION.

For the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people of this State in regard to the adoption or rejection of this Constitution, the Governor shall issue his Proclamation within five days after the adjournment of this Convention, directed to the Sheriffs of the City of Baltimore, and of the several counties of this State, commanding them to give notice in the manner now prescribed by law in reference to the election of members of the House of Delegates, that an election for the adoption or rejection of this Constitution, will be held in the City of Baltimore, and in the several counties of this State, on the — day of —, in the year 1867, at the usual places of holding elections for members of the House of Delegates, in said City and counties. At the said election the vote shall be by ballot ; and upon each ballot there shall be written the words "For the Constitution," or "Against the Constitution," as the voter may elect ; and the provisions of the laws of this State relating to the holding of general elections for members of the House of Delegates shall in all respects apply to, and regulate the holding of said election. It shall be the duty of the Judges of Election in said city, and in the several counties of the State, to receive, accurately count, and duly return the number of ballots so cast for or against the adoption of this Constitution, as well as any blank ballots which may be cast, to the several clerks of the Circuit Courts of this State, and to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, in the manner now prescribed by law in reference to the election of members of the House