

ing of the first General Assembly after the ratification of this constitution, at which time, or sooner if the said business shall be finished, the said Chancery court and the office of Chancellor as well as the office of Register in Chancery shall be abolished, until which time the salary of the Chancellor and the fees of office of the Register in Chancery shall remain the same as they now are, and in the event of a vacancy in either the said office of Chancellor or of Register in Chancery, the same shall be filled in the manner now provided for, and when the said Chancery court shall be abolished, the Legislature shall provide by law for the safe keeping and disposition of the records and proceedings of said court as it may deem necessary and proper.

7th. The Orphans courts and Magistrates courts of the State and the office of commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city of Baltimore to be abolished, and their jurisdiction vested respectively in the several courts heretofore mentioned.

8th. The jurisdiction of single justices of the peace to be extended to one hundred dollars with the right of immediate appeal to the several courts respectively hereinbefore mentioned.

9th. The clerks of the Court of Appeals for the Eastern and Western Shores, to be annually appointed by the Judges of said court, all other clerks of courts, and the Registers of Wills for the county and city of Baltimore, to be elected by the people of said counties and city respectively for a term not exceeding seven years, and to be re-eligible at the expiration of their terms.

10th. The fees of Clerks and Registers of Wills to be abolished, and fixed salaries to be provided by law, for the Registers of Wills, to be paid by the counties and city of Baltimore respectively, and the Legislature to provide by law some certain and simple mode of compensation to clerks, in lieu of the present system of fees.

11th. Justices of the peace, Sheriff's, Constables and Coroners to be appointed, as now provided for, and their fees of office to remain the same.

12th. All judgments, decrees and orders in Chancery, interlocutory orders and other proceedings of courts of competent jurisdiction in this State, and all public or private acts of Assembly whenever relied upon in the progress of a cause in any of the courts of the State, to be allowed to be given in evidence, under the general issue, and the courts to be prohibited from passing rules of court requiring them to be specially pleaded.

13th. All special pleading to be abolished in the courts of the State, and every matter pertinent or material to the merits of a cause to be given in evidence under the general issue and without being plead specially.

14th. The trial of Judges by impeachment only, and the doctrine of contempts of court, to be held as utterly odious, and in derogation of the rights of the citizens, and, as establishing in the persons of Judges prerogative privileges and immunities, not belonging to other citizens of the State.

15th. Judges for wilful misbehaviour, and other official misde-