

and any of the Judges of this State shall discharge, on habeas corpus, any person so detained in slavery.

Sec. 13. The Clerks of the several Courts created, or continued by this Constitution, shall have charge and custody of the records and other papers, shall perform all the duties and be allowed the fees which appertain to their several offices, as the same now are, or may hereafter be regulated by law.

Sec. 14. All elections of Judges and other officers provided for by this Constitution, State's Attorneys excepted, shall be certified, and the returns made by the Clerks of the respective counties to the Governor, who shall issue commissions to the different persons for the offices to which they shall have been respectively elected; and in all such elections, the person having the greatest number of votes, shall be declared to be elected.

Sec. 15. If in any case of election for Judges, Clerks of the Courts of Law, and Registers of Wills, the opposing candidates shall have an equal number of votes, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election; and in case of any contested election, the Governor shall send the returns to the House of Delegates, who shall judge of the election and qualification of the candidates at such election.

Sec. 16. All public commissions and grants shall run thus: "The State of Maryland, &c.," and shall be signed by the Governor, with the seal of the State annexed; all writs and process shall run in the same style, and be tested, sealed and signed as usual; and all indictments shall conclude, "against the peace, government and dignity of the State."

## PART II.

### *Court of Appeals.*

Sec. 17. The Court of Appeals shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, and for their selection the State shall be divided into five Judicial Districts as follows, viz: Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne, Kent and Cecil counties, shall compose the first district; Harford and Baltimore counties, and the first seven wards of Baltimore city, shall compose the second district; Baltimore city except the first seven wards, shall compose the third district; Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Howard and Carroll counties, shall compose the fourth district; St. Mary's, Charles, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery counties, shall compose the fifth district; and one of the Justices of the Court of Appeals, shall be elected from each of said districts, by the qualified voters of the whole State. The present Chief Justice and