

and be allowed the fees which appertain to their several offices, as the same now are or may hereafter be regulated by law. And the office and business of said clerks, in all their departments, shall be subject to the visitatorial power of the judges of their respective courts, who shall exercise the same, from time to time, so as to insure the faithful performance of the duties of said offices; and it shall be the duty of the judges of said courts, respectively, to make from time to time such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the government of said clerks, and for the performance of the duties of their offices, which shall have the force of law until repealed or modified by the General Assembly.

*Peter vs. Prettyman*, 62 Md., 566.

SEC. 11. The election for judges hereinbefore provided, and all elections for Clerks, Registers of Wills and other officers provided in this Constitution, except State's Attorneys, shall be certified, and the returns made by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the counties, and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, respectively, 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 persons having the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

*Brooke vs. Widdicombe*, 39 Md., 386. *Groome vs. Gwinn*, 43 Md., 572.

SEC. 12. If in any case of election for Judges, Clerks of the Courts of Law, and Register of Wills, the opposing candidate 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, which shall judge of the election and qualification of the candidates at such election, and if the judgment shall be against the one who has been returned elected, or the one who has been commissioned by the Governor, the House of Delegates shall order a new election within thirty days.

*Brooke vs. Widdicombe*, 39 Md., 386. *Ijams vs. Duvall*, 85 Md., 252. *Wills vs. Moore*, 86 Md., 449.

SEC. 13. All public commissions and grants shall run thus: "The State of Maryland, etc.," 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 heretofore, or as may hereafter be provided by law; and all indictments shall conclude, "against the peace, government and dignity of the State."