

veyor for the counties, and the city of Baltimore respectively, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed by law for the county and city Surveyors respectively, or as may hereafter be prescribed by law. The term of office of said county and city Surveyors respectively, shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding their election. And vacancies in said office of Surveyors, by death, resignation, or removal from their respective counties or city, shall be filled by the Commissioners of the counties, or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore respectively.

**Sec. 11.** The qualified voters of Worcester county shall, at the first election of delegates after the adoption of this Constitution, and every two years thereafter, elect a Wreck-Master for the said county, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed or may be hereafter prescribed by law. The term of office of said Wreck-Master shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding his election; and a vacancy in said office, by death, resignation, or removal from the county, shall be filled by the county commissioners of said county, for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

**NEW COUNTIES.**

**Section 1.** That part of Anne Arundel county called Howard District, is hereby erected into a new county, to be called Howard county, the inhabitants whereof shall have, hold and enjoy all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the other counties in this State; and its civil and municipal officers, at the time of the ratification of this Constitution, shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed, and shall have qualified as such; and all rights, powers and obligations incident to Howard District of Anne Arundel county shall attach to Howard county.

**Sec. 2.** When that part of Allegany county, lying south and west of a line beginning at the summit of Big Back Bone or Savage Mountain, where that mountain is crossed by Mason and Dixon's line, and running thence by a straight line, to the middle of Savage river where it empties into the Potomac river, thence by a straight line, to the

nearest point or boundary of the State of Virginia; then with said boundary to the Fairfax stone, shall contain a population of ten thousand, and the majority of electors thereof shall desire to separate and form a new county, and make known their desire by petition to the Legislature, the Legislature shall direct at the next succeeding election, that the Judges shall open a book at each Election district in said part of Allegany county, and have recorded therein the vote of each elector "For or Against" a new county. In case the majority are in favor, then said part of Allegany county to be declared an independent county, and the inhabitants whereof shall have, and enjoy all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the other counties in this State. *Provided*, that the whole representation in the General Assembly of the county, when divided, shall not exceed the present delegation of Allegany county, allowed under this Constitution until after the next census.