

and strung on a thread, and the Judges shall make out a certificate which they shall sign, addressed to the Governor at Annapolis, in which they shall state they have taken the oath hereby prescribed, and shall certify the number of votes taken and the number of votes for the Constitution, and against the Constitution; the said certificates shall be accompanied with the names of the voters, and shall be plainly expressed, but no particular words shall be required.

Sec. 14. The Judges shall, as soon as possible, transmit said returns, with the tickets so strung, to the Governor, who shall receive the return of the soldiers' vote, and shall cast up the same and judge of the genuineness and correctness of the returns, and may recount the threaded tickets so as to satisfy himself, and the Governor shall count said vote with the aggregate vote of the State on the adoption or rejection of this Constitution, and shall wait for fifteen days after the day on which the State vote is taken, so as to allow the returns of the soldiers' vote to be made before the result of the whole vote is

announced. The Governor shall receive the returns of the soldiers' vote on said election for State officers, Presidential Electors and Members of Congress, and shall count the same with the aggregate home vote, on State officers, and the aggregate home vote in each district respectively for Members of Congress.

Sec. 15. The Governor shall make known to the officers of the State Regiments the provisions of this Article of the Schedule, and request them to exercise the rights hereby conferred upon them, and shall take all means proper to secure the soldiers' vote; and the General Assembly, at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution shall make proper appropriation to pay any expense that may arise herein.

Sec. 16. If this Constitution shall be adopted by the people, the provisions contained herein for taking the soldiers' vote on the adoption of the Constitution shall apply to all elections to be held in this State until the General Assembly shall provide some other mode of taking the same.

*Done in Convention, the sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.*

Attest: W. R. COLE,  
Secretary.

HENRY H. GOLDSBOROUGH,  
President of the Convention.