

cil to the governor, whose proceedings shall be always entered on record, to any part whereof any member may enter his dissent, and their advice, if so required by the governor, or any member of the council, shall be given in writing, and signed by the members giving the same respectively; which proceedings of the council shall be laid before the senate, or house of delegates, when called for by them, or either of them. The council may appoint their own clerk, who shall take such oath (g) of support and fidelity to this state as this convention or the legislature shall direct, and of secrecy in such matters, as he shall be directed by the board to keep secret.

27. That the delegates to congress from this state shall be chosen annually, or superseded in the mean time by the joint ballot of both houses of assembly, and that there be a rotation in such manner that at least two of the number be annually changed; and no person shall be capable of being a delegate to congress for more than three in any term of six years; and no person who holds any office of profit in the gift of congress shall be eligible to sit in congress, but if appointed to any such office his seat shall be thereby vacated: That no person unless above twenty-five years of age, and a resident in this state more than five years next preceding the election; and having real and personal estate in this state above the value of one thousand pounds current money, shall be eligible to sit in congress (h).

28. That the senators and delegates, immediately on their annual meeting, and before they proceed to any business, and every person hereafter elected a senator or delegate, before he acts as such, shall take an oath (i) of support and fidelity to this state as aforesaid; and before the election of a governor, or members of the council, shall take an oath (i) "to elect, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, such person as governor, or member of the council, as they in their judgment and conscience believe best qualified for the office."

29. That the senate and delegates may adjourn themselves respectively; but if the two houses should not agree on the same time, but adjourn to different days, then shall the governor appoint and notify one of those days, or some day between, and the assembly shall then meet and be held accordingly; and he shall, if necessary, by advice of the council, call them before the time to which they shall in any manner be adjourned, on giving not less than ten days notice thereof; but the governor shall not adjourn the assembly otherwise than as aforesaid, nor prorogue or dissolve it, at any time.

30. That no person, unless above twenty-five years of age, a resident in this state above five years next preceding the election, and having in the state real and personal property above the value of five thousand pounds current money, one thousand pounds whereof at least to be of freehold estate (k), shall be eligible as governor.

31. That the governor shall not continue in that office longer than three years successively, nor be eligible as governor until the expiration of four years after he shall have been out of that office.

32. That upon the death, resignation, or removal out of this state, of the governor, the first named of the council for the time being shall act as governor,

(g) See note (b) to the 18th section

(h) It was intended by the framers of the constitution, to prevent any alteration therein except in the manner prescribed by the 59th sec. thereof; but by the constitution of the general government the congress was differently organized, and the mode of electing delegates and senators prescribed so as to render this section inoperative, and no longer a part of the state constitution.

(i) See note (b) to the 18th section.

(k) Act of Nov. 1809, ch. 198, confirmed by 1810, ch. 18.