

VIII. And be it enacted, that after the Polls in the several Counties, and the City of Annapolis, and Baltimore Town shall be closed, and the votes cast up by the Judges, in the presence of the Justices attending for the preservation of the Peace, the names of the several persons voted for in the several Counties, and City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town shall be written on parchment, or paper, and the number of votes for each Candidate in the several Counties, the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town, enumerated and set down, which numbers shall be written in words at length, and not in figures, and the Polls and other papers relating to the Elections shall be sealed up and deposited with the Clerks of the several County Courts, and in such manner and name, being so set down and written, the Judges of the several Elections in the City of Annapolis, Baltimore Town, and each and every County of this State, when assembled at the usual place for holding elections, shall, respectively, within the space of three days after the said elections, sign and seal the papers or instruments, on which the said entries are written, and shall make out signed and executed duplicate returns thereof, one whereof shall be delivered to the Clerk of the County to be kept safely, and the other copy thereof shall be sealed up and delivered, or safely transmitted by the Sheriff of the proper County, within ten days after each and every election, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money to the Governor and Council, for their inspection and examination; and the Governor and Council, after having received the returns, papers, and instruments aforesaid, shall enumerate and ascertain the number of votes for each and every Candidate, and person so as aforesaid chosen as Representatives or Electors, respectively, and shall, thereupon, declare by Proclamation, signed by the Governor, and, without delay, despatched through the State, the names of the six persons only elected as Representatives, and the names of the eight persons only elected as Electors; and the Governor and Council shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such examination and declaration, transmit a certificate of the Election of the Representatives, under the seal of the State to the Secretary of the United States in Congress assembled, who by him delivered to the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, when they shall be assembled at the time and place by the President of Congress of the United States directed and fixed on.

IX. And be it enacted, that the said elections shall be free and made virum viri.

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