the reception of these returns, and within ten days after such general election was held, to assemble, as now required by law, to count the votes of said counties or the city of Baltimore, respectively, and then and there to complete all things connected with said election as now required by law.

In force from June 1, 1865.

Note.—For Registration of Voters, see Art. Registration.

## ARTICLE XXXVII:

## Evidence.

#### COMPETENCY OF WITNESSES.

- 1. Who may be witnesses. no exclusion on ground of interest or crime exception
- 2. When a party to suit made witness by his opponent.
- 3. Witnesses in criminal proceedings. husband and wife.
- Testimony of party to suit may be rebutted.
- 5 Not applicable in cases of adultery, divorce and breach of promise of marriage.
- Sub-Sec. 1. Evidence of interest or infamy of witness proof of conviction.

# COMMISSIONS TO TAKE EVIDENCE FROM OTHER STATES.

33. How attendance of witnesses compelled under commissions from abroad.

### COMMISSION OF SLAVE STATISTICS.

- 60. Governor to appoint commissioners of slave statistics. bond and oath,
- 61 Commissioners to obtain statements of names of slave owners, &c.
- 62. Required to visit each election district, &c. testimony
- 63 Statements to be copied in alphabetical order, indexed and recorded: evidence.
  - 64. Commissioners' compensation.
- 65 Time limited.

### COMPETENCY OF WITNESSES.

1864, c. 109 repeals sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and enacts the following in lieu thereof:

1864, c. 109. Who may be witnesses SEC. 1. No person offered as a witness shall hereafter be excluded by reason of incapacity from crime or interest, from giving evidence, either in person, or by deposition, according to the practice of the courts, in the trial of any issue joined or hereafter to be joined, or of any matter or question, or on any inquiry arising in any suit, action or proceeding, civil or criminal, in any court, or before any judge, jury, justice of the peace or other person having, by law or