

JOSEPH KENT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

CHAPTER 136.

Dec. 1823.

Passed Feb. 26, 1826.

An act to authorise the sale of tickets in a lottery to be drawn in Virginia, for the disposal of the property of Thomas Jefferson.

Sale of tickets authorised.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons in this state, to sell and dispose of tickets in the lottery authorized by an act of the legislature of the state of Virginia, allowing Thomas Jefferson to dispose of his property.

CHAPTER 137.

Passed March 1, 1826.

An act to alter and amend the constitution of this state, so that the governor may be elected by the people, and to abolish the council.

Executive power vested.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the executive power of this state shall be vested in a governor as hereinafter provided for.

Manner of choosing the governor.

2. And be it enacted, That the governor shall be chosen alternately from the western and eastern shores, by the citizens of the state, having the right to vote for delegates to the general assembly, in the counties where they severally reside, at the time and places where they shall vote for delegates aforesaid, and the votes shall be received and counted by the same judges, and in the same manner as the votes for Delegates; the presiding judges of elections in each county, shall make a list of all the persons voted for as governor in their respective counties, and of the number of votes given for each, which list they shall sign and certify, and transmit, sealed, to the seat of the government, directed to the president of the senate, who shall upon the first Monday after the meeting of the general assembly in the presence of a majority of the members of each branch open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted and the person having a majority of all the votes given, shall be the governor, and the president of the senate shall forthwith announce the same, but if no person shall have a majority of all the votes given, no choice or election shall be considered as having been made, and the said president shall announce the number of votes given to each person voted for, and thereupon a governor shall be elected forthwith by joint ballot of both branches of the legislature, from among the candidates voted for by people, who shall appear by the said returns to have had the two greatest number of votes, and should neither of the persons so voted for, have a majority of all votes on the joint ballot aforesaid, the ballot shall be renewed and continued until some one of them shall receive such majority; contested elections of governor shall be determined by both branches of the legislature, in such manner as shall be prescribed by law.