

senate shall first be filled; the governor shall then be elected, if there be no choice by the people: and, afterwards, the two houses shall elect the council.

5. Every person holding any civil office under this state may be removed, by impeachment, for misdemeanor in office; and every person holding any office may be removed by the governor, with the advice of the council, on the address of both branches of the legislature. But, before such address shall pass either house, the causes of removal shall be stated and entered on the journal of the house in which it originated, and a copy thereof served on the person in office, that he may be admitted to a hearing in his defence.

6. The tenure of all offices, which are not or shall not be otherwise provided for, shall be during the pleasure of the governor and council.

7. While the public expenses shall be assessed on polls and estates, a general valuation shall be taken at least once in ten years.

8. All taxes upon real estate, assessed by authority of this state, shall be apportioned and assessed equally, according to the just value thereof.

ARTICLE 10.

Schedule.

§ 1. The first legislature shall meet on the last Wednesday in May next. The elections on the second Monday in September, annually, shall not commence until the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and, in the mean time the election for governor, senators, and representatives, shall be on the first Monday in April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and at this election the same proceedings shall be had as are required at the elections provided for in this constitution, on the second Monday in September, annually, and the lists of the votes for the governor and senators shall be transmitted by the town and plantation clerks, respectively, to the secretary of state *pro tempore*, seventeen days at least before the last Wednesday in May next; and the president of the convention shall, in presence of the secretary of state, *pro tempore*, open and examine the attested copies of said lists, so returned for senators, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the duties in ascertaining, notifying, and summoning, the senators who appear to be elected, as the governor and council have, and are subject to, by this constitution: provided, he shall notify said senators fourteen days at least before the last Wednesday in May, and vacancies shall be ascertained and filled in the manner herein provided; and the senators to be elected on the said first Monday of April shall be apportioned as follows:

The county of York shall elect three; the county of Cumberland shall elect three; the county of Lincoln shall elect three; the county of Hancock shall elect two; the county of Washington shall elect one; the county of Kennebec shall elect three; the county of Oxford shall elect two; the county of Somerset shall elect two; the county of Penobscot shall elect one.

And the members of the house of representatives shall be elected, ascertained, and returned in the same manner as herein provided at elections on the second Monday of September: and the first house of representatives shall consist of the following number, to be elected as follows: