

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 24, 1798.
ORDERED, That the act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified, the act to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate, and the act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being witnesses in all cases, be published once in each week, for the term of three months successively, in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis, the Federal Gazette, at Baltimore, the Herald, at Easton, and in one of the George-town and Frederick-town papers.
By order,
NINIAN PINENEY, Clerk
of the governor and council
of the State of Maryland.

An ACT to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified.

WHEREAS the holding elections at any one place in each county of this state is attended with great inconvenience to all citizens remote from said place, and operates to deprive many persons entitled to suffrage from the exercise of that right; and as it is desirable that the full, free, and fair voice of the people should be expressed in their choice of the several members of government.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several counties of this state, for the purpose of holding all future elections for delegates, electors of the senate, and sheriffs of the several counties, shall be divided into separate districts in the manner herein after directed, viz. Saint-Mary's county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Kent county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Calvert county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Charles county shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Talbot county shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Somerset county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Dorchester county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Cecil county shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Prince-George's county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Queen-Anne's county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Worcester county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Frederick county shall be divided and laid off into seven separate districts, Harford county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Caroline county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Washington county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Montgomery county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Allegany county shall be divided and laid off into six separate districts.

And be it enacted, That Anne-Arundel county, including the city of Annapolis, shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts.
And be it enacted, That Baltimore county, out of the limits of the city of Baltimore, shall be divided and laid off into seven districts, and that the city of Baltimore shall, at all future elections, form and constitute one district for the purpose of electing sheriffs.
And be it enacted, That all and every part of the second, third, fourth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government of this state, which relate to the judges, time and manner of holding the several elections therein mentioned, be and the same are hereby abrogated, repealed and annulled, and the same shall hereafter be regulated by law.

And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act and the alterations of the said constitution contained therein shall be considered as a part, and shall constitute and be valid as a part, of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

An ACT to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the mayor and second branch of the city council of the city of Baltimore, or any three or more of them, for the time being, shall be judges of the elections for delegates of the city of Baltimore, and for elector of the senate, and shall have and exercise all the rights and authorities respecting such elections which were vested in the commissioners of Baltimore-town, in virtue of the constitution and form of government, as they are hereby repealed.
And be it enacted, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government as make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate, be and the same are hereby repealed.
And be it enacted, That this act shall commence and be in force if it shall be published at least three months before the next election of delegates, and shall be confirmed by the general assembly, in their first session after such new election.

An ACT to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being witnesses in all cases.

WHEREAS persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath labour under many and great inconveniences, owing to their not being admitted to make their solemn affirmation as witnesses in all cases instead of an oath; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the people called Quakers, those called Nicollites or New Quakers, those called Tinkers, and those called Menomits, holding it unlawful to take an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to make their solemn affirmation as witnesses, in the manner that quakers have been heretofore allowed to affirm, which affirmation shall be of the same avail as an oath, to all intents and purposes whatever.

And be it enacted, That before any of the persons aforesaid shall be admitted as a witness in any court of justice in this state, the court shall be satisfied, by such testimony as they may require, that such person is one of those who profess to be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath.

And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act, and the alterations and amendments of the constitution and form of government therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as part of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing in the said declaration of rights, constitution and form of government contained, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it enacted, That the several clauses and sections of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government, contrary to the provisions of this act, so far as they respect either of the sects or societies aforesaid, shall be and are hereby declared to be repealed and annulled, on the confirmation hereof.

To be SOLD, at PUBLIC VENDUE, on the first day of June next, at fair, or the first fair day after, of the farm now in the occupation of ZACHARIAH BALDWIN,

THE undivided sixth part of the said FARM, lying in Prince-George's county, and agreeable to the will of TYLER BALDWIN, deceased, of Anne-Arundel county. The terms of sale for cash.
NICHOLAS BALDWIN, Executor
of TYLER BALDWIN. w+10
March 19, 1798.

To be SOLD,
TWO likely young negro MEN, one a good house carpenter and joiner, about 24 years old, stout, healthy and active; the other has been used to plantation work, and is healthy and strong, about 26 years of age; they will be sold on moderate terms.
J. H. STONE.
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Annapolis, March 19, 1798.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed from Anne-Arundel county court, will be EXPOSED to PUBLIC SALE, on Thursday the 12th day of April next, at 12 o'clock, on the premises,

FIFTY acres of land, part of a tract of land called COVEL'S FOLLY, and sixty acres of land, part of a tract of land called CHEYNEY REST; the above property is taken as the property of WILLIAM DAVIS, sen. deceased, to satisfy a debt due to JOSEPH and RICHARD YATES, surviving partners of John Petty and Co.
JOHN WELSH, Sheriff of
Anne-Arundel county.
March 21, 1798.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed from Anne-Arundel county court, will be EXPOSED to SALE, on Friday the 13th day of April next, at 12 o'clock,

TWO HOUSES, one a brick, and the other a framed one, with one half acre of ground, in fee simple; the above property is fronting Mr. William Whetcroft's, in Annapolis, and is taken as the property of THOMAS DALZELL to satisfy a debt due JEREMIAH T. CHASE, Esq.
JOHN WELSH, Sheriff of
Anne-Arundel county.
March 21, 1798.

JUST PUBLISHED,
And to be sold at the Printing-Office,
Price, Two Dollars,
The LAWS
OF
MARYLAND,
Passed November Session, 1797.

UNDER the patronage of three gentlemen of the first eminence in the law having lately engaged in that laborious and necessary work, a revision of the laws of Maryland, I would be thankful to any gentleman for any extracts or notes he may have made, which may tend to facilitate this undertaking.
D. T. BLAKE.
Annapolis, March 4th, 1798.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, January 23, 1798.
ORDERED, That the resolutions passed by the general assembly at their last session, respecting certificates and bills of credit, be published eight weeks successively, in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria news-papers; and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-town and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
December 26, 1797.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brought into the treasury for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798.

Resolved, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued and funded by the state of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest, on or before the first day of October next, and that no interest on any certificates heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the said first day of October, 1798, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That such part of the five months pay, due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore, on or before the first day of October, 1798, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same thereafter, but be subject to such appropriation as shall hereafter be declared.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorized, to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit, of the emission under the act of June, 1780, as may be produced and brought into the treasury, on or before the first day of October next.

Resolved, That if the holders of bills of credit, emitted in virtue of the act of June session, 1780, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of October, 1798, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not to be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

Resolved, That the resolutions passed at the last session of assembly, for limiting the time to the first of July last for bringing in certificates for payment be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Thus endorsed;
By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
By the senate, December 29, 1797: Read the second time and assented to.
By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

For SALE,
SIX LOTS of GROUND, lying in the city of Annapolis, formerly the property of the late hon. THOMAS STONE. Upon four of the above lots, which are on the west side of the street, stand the large and valuable dwelling-house, and other buildings, now occupied by gen. J. H. STONE. The property will be sold separately or altogether. For terms apply to the subscriber, at Haberdenture, in Charles county, near Port-Tobacco.
JOHN MONCEUR DANIEL.
March 6, 1798.

For SALE,
THE TENEMENT now occupied by the subscriber, in the city of Annapolis, consisting of a small dwelling-house, garden, kitchen, stable, and carriage house, and all other necessary and convenient improvements, all in good repair.
A small family cannot be more commodiously accommodated, nor on better terms. Apply to
FRANCIS F. PERIER.

RAN away from the subscriber, a negro boy named DICK. Whoever takes up the said boy, and delivers him to me, shall receive ONE CENT REWARD, paid by
EDD. TIMMINS, Sen.
February 12, 1798.

SETH SWEETSER,
RETURNS his thanks to his customers and the public in general for past favours in the line of his business, and informs them that he still carries on the Boot and Shoe-making Business in all its branches, in the best manner. He has just received a large quantity of the best Boston bend seal-leather, which he will sell on reasonable terms; for cash, or green hides; he has also for sale, hide leather and calf skins, and all kinds of Shoe-maker's tools, shoe thread, resin, linseed, whale and tanner's oil, and sundry other articles too tedious to mention.
N. B. He has a valuable young Wench for sale, that is used to Kitchen work.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of JOHN A. ADLEN THOMAS, late of St. Mary's county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in, legally authenticated, to Mr. JOHN WELSH, at Leonard-town, or to the subscriber, at Annapolis.
JAMES THOMAS, Executor.
April 6, 1797.