

In Council

June 8, 1825. Ordered, That the several Acts of Assembly, passed at December session 1824, proposing alterations or amendments to the Constitution, be published once a week for three weeks, in the Maryland Republican and Maryland Gazette, Annapolis; the Republican Star, and Gazette, Eastern; the Patriot, American, and Federal Gazette, Baltimore; the Bond of Union, Belle-Air; Political Examiner, Frederick-Town; Elkton Press; Centreville Times, and National Intelligencer.

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 67. An act to repeal an act, entitled, An Act to alter, change and repeal, such parts of the Constitution and Form of Government of this State, as relate to the division of Allegany county into eight separate election districts, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and sixteen, and confirmed at December session, eighteen hundred and seventeen.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government, made such by the acts of eighteen hundred and sixteen, and eighteen hundred and seventeen, which directs that Allegany county shall be divided and laid off into eight separate election districts, be and the same is hereby repealed.

2. And be it enacted, That Allegany county shall be divided into nine separate election districts, and the additional district shall be taken and laid off from the seventh and eighth election districts, as they are now numbered.

3. And be it enacted, That Amos Robnett, Francis Reid, Benjamin Robinson, John North and Leonard Sherell, or a majority of them, or a majority of the survivors of them, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and authorized to lay off Allegany county into nine separate election districts, and to number the same, not altering or changing either the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth election districts, or the place of holding the election therein, as now established by law, but only dividing the seventh and eighth into three separate election districts, having regard to the population, extent and convenience of the votes in each of said districts; and said election districts so laid off anew, shall be numbered seven, eight and nine, and known thereafter by such number; and also to select Gid Town as the place of holding the election for one of the said election districts thus to be laid out; and the house of Isaac Osmon, near the mouth of Fifteen Mile Creek, for the place of holding the election of another election district thus laid out; and Walter Slicer's tavern, or any other place within said district, which may be deemed more convenient, for the place of holding the election in the other election district thus to be laid out; and the said commissioners shall, on or before the first day of April, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, deliver to the clerk of Allegany county court, a description in writing, under their hands and seals, specifying plainly the boundaries and number of each district, and also the place in each district where the election for such district shall be held; and the said clerk shall record the same in the records of said county.

4. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the clerk of Allegany county court, to furnish the sheriff of said county with a copy of the proceedings of the said commissioners, who shall give notice of the place of holding the election in each election district so laid off anew, by causing the same to be inserted in the Cumberland Advocate, once a week, for at least one month previous to holding the election in October eighteen hundred and twenty-six.

5. And be it enacted, That for all services performed by the commissioners aforesaid by virtue of this act, the levy court of Allegany county, shall make reasonable compensation, and shall levy the same upon the county, and the same shall be paid as all other county charges.

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

CHAPTER 68. An act to repeal all such parts of the Constitution and Form of Government as relate to the division of Frederick county into eleven election districts, and for other purposes.

Whereas, it is represented to this general assembly of Maryland, by the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, that they experience

great inconvenience from the magnitude of the third election district in said county, operating to deprive many of their suffrages, who are entitled to 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 functionaries of government; therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government as direct that Frederick county shall be divided into eleven election districts, be and the same are hereby repealed.

2. And be it enacted, That Frederick county shall be divided into twelve separate election districts, and the additional district shall be taken and laid off from the third election district as they are now numbered.

3. And be it enacted, That Patrick McGill, senior, Benjamin West, John Thomas, Henry Cutler, Erasmus Garrett, of the third election district of the county aforesaid, be and they are hereby authorized and appointed, or a majority of them, commissioners to lay off and divide anew the third election district into two election districts, and to number the new election districts formed out of the third election district; and to make choice of a place in the said new election district so laid off at which the election shall be held, having due regard to the accommodations of persons attendant upon such elections; and the said commissioners shall, on or before the third Monday in April, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, deliver to the clerk of Frederick county court, a description in writing under their hands and seals, specifying plainly the boundaries and number of the election district so laid off by them, and also the place where the elections for such district shall be held; and the said clerk shall record the same in the records of said county.

4. And be it enacted, That the sheriff of Frederick county shall give notice of the place of holding the election in such election districts so laid off anew, by causing the same to be inserted in one or more newspapers printed in Frederick county, once a week for at least two months previous to holding the election in October eighteen hundred and twenty-six.

5. And be it enacted, That if any of the commissioners named in this act, shall refuse to accept his appointment before the first day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, the remaining commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and directed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

6. And be it enacted, That each commissioner shall be entitled to receive at the rate of two dollars per day, for every day he shall act in the discharge of the duties imposed on him by the provisions of this act, to be assessed and levied by the levy court of Frederick county, as other county charges are, which said sums, when levied and collected, shall be paid over as other county charges are.

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

CHAPTER 115. An act to alter and amend the Constitution so as to allow to the City of Baltimore, representation equal to that of the several counties of this state.

Whereas, it has been represented to the general assembly, that the business of Baltimore, requires an additional delegation to attend to and secure the interests, and perform the business of that city in the legislature; therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the free white male citizens of this state above twenty-one years of age, and no other, having resided twelve months within this state, and six months in the city of Baltimore, next preceding the election at which they may offer to vote, shall on the first Monday of October eighteen hundred and twenty-six, and at all times thereafter, have a right to vote for and elect a number of delegates or representatives to the house of delegates, equal to that which under the constitution and law of the land the several counties of this state are or may be entitled to elect.

2. And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the next general assembly of Maryland, then this act and the alterations and amendments therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid as a part of the said constitution and form of government to all intents and purposes, and every matter and thing in the said constitution and form of government in any wise conflicting with, or contrary thereto, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, abrogated and annulled.

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CHAPTER 129. An act to alter and abolish so much of the Constitution and Form of Government of the state of Maryland, as relates to the oath to be taken by the senators and delegates, previous to the election of governor and council.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That so much of the twenty-eighth section of the constitution of the state of Maryland as requires of the senators and delegates before the election of governor or council, on oath "to elect without favour, partiality or prejudice, such person as governor or members of the council as they in their judgment, and conscience believe best qualified for the office," be and the same is hereby repealed.

2. 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 election, as the constitution and form of government directs, in such case this act and the alteration 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.

CHAPTER 146. An act to alter and repeal such parts of the Constitution and Form of Government, as relate to the division of Somerset county, into election districts.

Whereas, it has been represented to this General Assembly, that great inconveniences have been experienced by reason of the existing division of Somerset county into election districts; for remedy whereof,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the division of Somerset county into election districts, be and the same are hereby repealed.

2. And be it enacted, That Somerset county shall be divided and laid off into six separate election districts, whereof the present district, called and known as number one, or the upper district, shall be divided into three separate election districts; and the present district called and known as number two, or the middle district, shall be divided into two separate election districts; the new district to be made convenient to the votes of Dames Quarter, and the isles adjacent, and the present district called and known as number three, or the lower district, shall be and remain as it now is.

3. And be it enacted, That in case this act shall be confirmed, as required by the constitution, the levy court of Somerset county are hereby authorized and directed to appoint commissioners, who, or a majority of them, or in case of death, a majority of those surviving, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay off the said county into six separate election districts, as is provided for by this act, and to select and appoint a suitable place for holding the elections in each of the said districts, having due regard to population, extent of territory, and the conveniences of voters.

4. And be it enacted, That the commissioners appointed by virtue of this act, shall meet at the town of Princess Ann, on the first Monday of May next succeeding the confirmation of this act as required by the constitution, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; and the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, until they shall have performed and completed the duties required of them by this act; and the said commissioners are hereby required, on or before the first day of July next, after their meeting, as aforesaid, to make out and deliver to the clerk of the county aforesaid, a plain and accurate description in writing, of the limits, boundaries and designations of each district so laid off, with plats thereof, if they shall deem them to be necessary, certified under their hands and seals; and the said clerk shall make a fair record of the same amongst the records of the county aforesaid.

5. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, after the confirmation of this act, if they shall deem it necessary to a due performance of the duties required of them by this act, may employ a surveyor, and chain carriers, who shall be allowed and paid a reasonable compensation for their services and time employed; and expended in the execution of such duties as may be required of them by the said commissioners.

6. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the county aforesaid, to furnish the sheriff with two copies of the limits, boundaries and designations, of the several districts as ascertained and described by the said commissioners, whose duty it shall be to keep one in his possession, and to set up one copy at the door of the court house in the county aforesaid, and to cause the said description in writing without the plats, if such should be deemed necessary, to be published four weeks successively, prior to the next election, after the confirmation aforesaid, in each of the public papers printed at Easton.

7. And be it enacted, That for the performance of the duties required of the commissioners aforesaid, by this act, the levy court of the county aforesaid, shall make reasonable compensation; and shall levy the same upon the county, and the same shall be paid as all other county charges are, and every day they may be engaged in executing the duties required of them by this act.

8. And be it enacted, That after the confirmation of this act, all elections shall be held in the several districts of the county aforesaid, at 9 A. M. and closed at six, P. M. in order that the business of the day may be fairly done and concluded within due and reasonable hours; and forasmuch as the design and intention of this act, is further to promote the convenience of the people, and the effect thereof will greatly abridge the services of the judges and clerks, the compensation to be allowed for such services shall be two dollars per day to be levied and paid as other county charges.

9. And be it enacted, That after the confirmation of this act, the levy court of Somerset county, shall, according to the provisions of the act of 1805, chapter 97, appoint three persons in each of the election districts, resident therein, who, or such of them as shall attend, shall be the judge or judges of the election for the district for which he or they shall have been appointed as aforesaid; and the judges appointed shall have, hold and exercise the same powers and authorities, and be subject to the same penalties, as the judges of elections in Somerset county now exercise and enjoy and are subject to.

10. And be it enacted, That all laws now in force not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby declared to be and remain in full force and effect in Somerset county.

11. And be it enacted, That all the provisions of any former act inconsistent with or repugnant to this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

12. And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the next general assembly after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, in such case this act, and the alteration 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 to the contrary thereto, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, abrogated and annulled.

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2. And be it enacted, That the several clauses and sections of the declaration of rights, constitution and form of government, and every part of any law of this state contrary to the provisions of this act, so far as respects the sect of people aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed and annulled on the confirmation hereof.

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Maryland Gazette ANNAPOLIS THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1825.

Married, in this city, on Thursday evening the 2d instant, by the Rev. Dr. Raftery, Dr. John H. Hammond, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Pinkney, esquire.

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COURT OF APPEALS Monday, June 13th, being the day first by law for the sitting of the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore, the following Judges met, viz. Buchanan, Ch. J. Rogers and Archer, J. After calling the cases on the docket, marking those for argument, and entering judgments when there was no dispute, the court took up the case of Chase, et al. vs. Kemp, assignee of Hart, which was opened by S. Chase, on the part of the appellants.

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CELEBRATION OF THE BATTLE OF BUNKER'S HILL. Extensive arrangements have been made in Massachusetts to celebrate the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker's Hill, which falls on tomorrow, the 17th of General Lafayette is to be present to commemorate the battle. It is believed that the celebration will be distinguished by a complete pomp and splendour, and that it will cause a greater collection of people than ever before assembled on a similar occasion. A late Philadelphia paper mentions, that a number of gentlemen of that city were making preparations to proceed to Bunker's Hill, for the purpose of witnessing the ceremonies of the day.

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A LETTER. Extract of a letter, dated at Avon, Ontario County, May 22th, 1825. "Our passage from the Falls to this village has been so rapid, and so full of interest for writing, and even now, as I am writing, I feel more inclination to write than I feel more inclination to sleep."

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