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IN COUNCIL,

Annapolis, April 21st, 1826.

Ordered, That the several acts of assembly, proposing alterations in or amendments to the constitution, which were passed at December session last; and also the act entitled, "An act to provide for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout the state," be published once a week for four weeks, in the Maryland Republican, and Maryland Gazette; Annapolis; The Patriot & American, Gazette, and Chronicle, Baltimore; Political Examiner, Frederick Town; Maryland Herald, and Torch Light, Hagerstown; Maryland Advocate, Cumberland; True American, Rockville; Elkton Press; Chester Town Telegraph: Centreville Times; Star, and Gazette, Easton; Cambridge Chronicle, and Bond of Union, Harford county.

By order, THO. CULBRETH, Clk.

AN ACT

To amend the Constitution and form of government, as it relates to the division of Somerset county into election districts.

Whereas, it has been represented to this general assembly, that a numerous class of voters on the north side of Wycomico creek, and within the neighbourhoods of Dublin and Cokesbury, on the eastern borders of the middle district of Somerset county, by reason of their remote location from the place of holding elections, are virtually deprived of the privilege of voting, which according to the spirit of the constitution, is designed to be extended to every free white male citizen of this state, and is intended to be secured by the bill of rights; for remedy whereof,

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the election district in Somerset county, lately called and known as number two, or the middle district, shall be further subdivided, and that two additional election districts shall be established therein, one of which shall be made convenient to the voters on the north side of Wycomico creek, and the other shall be at or near Dublin or Cokesbury, on the eastern borders of the said district.

2. *And be it enacted*, That in case this act shall be confirmed as required by the constitution, and form of government, the levy court of Somerset county shall be, and they are hereby required to appoint three commissioners, who, or a majority of them, shall proceed to subdivide the said district, and to select and appoint suitable places for holding elections on the north side of Wycomico creek, and in the neighbourhoods of Dublin or Cokesbury as aforesaid, having due regard to population, extent of territory, and the convenience of voters.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners who shall be appointed by the levy court in virtue of this act, shall meet at the town of Princess Anne, on the first Monday in May next, succeeding the confirmation of this act, as required by the constitution and form of government, or within ten days thereafter, 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 several duties required of them by this act, and the said commissioners shall be, and they hereby are 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 designation of each district so created and laid off, certified under their hands and seals, and the said clerk shall make a fair record thereof amongst the records of the county aforesaid.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners be, and they hereby are authorised and required to adjust and limit the quantum of compensation, to be allowed to the proprietor or proprietors of the place of holding elections in each of the said election districts, if any compensation shall be required by the said proprietor or proprietors, and the same to certify as aforesaid.

5. *And be it enacted*, That for the performance of the duties required of the said commissioners by this act, and for the places of holding elections, if any compensation shall be claimed, the levy court shall make allowance, and the same shall levy upon the county, to be collected and paid as other county charges are collected and paid. *Provided*, that the said commissioners shall not receive a sum exceeding two dollars each per diem, for each and every day they may severally be engaged in the proper duties of this act.

6. *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 eighteen hundred and five, chapter ninety seven, appoint three persons in each of the said districts, residents therein, who, or such of them as shall attend, shall be the judge or judges of elections for the district for which he or they shall have been appointed as aforesaid, and the judges so appointed, shall have, hold and exercise the same powers and authorities, and be subject to the same penalties, and be entitled to the same pay, as the judges of elections in Somerset county now exercise and are entitled and subject to: *Provided*, That the compensation to be allowed for the services of the said judges and of the clerks by them to be appointed, shall not exceed two dollars per diem, which compensation shall be levied and paid as aforesaid.

7. *And be it enacted*, That all laws now in force, not inconsistent with this act, shall be, and remain in force; and all provisions repugnant to this act shall be, and the same are declared to be repealed, upon the confirmation of this act.

8. *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 alterations in the said constitution contained therein, shall be considered as a part, and 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.

By the House of Delegates 11th day of February, 1826.—read and assented to. By order.

JOHN BREWER Clk.

By the Senate, 13th day of February, 1826.—read and assented to.

WM. KILTY, Clk.

JOS. KENT, Governor.

(L. S.)

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.

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.

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 the 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.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the governor shall hold his office, during the term of three years from the time appointed for the annual meeting of the legislature next ensuing his election, and until another governor shall be elected, and qualified, but he shall not be eligible as governor, for the three next succeeding years after the expiration of the time for which he shall have been elected.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the governor shall be at least thirty years of age, and have been fourteen years a citizen of the United States, and a resident of this state ten years next preceding his election, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of this state or of the United States.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the governor shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanor, or any misdemeanors in office, but judgment in such case shall not extend further than removal from office and disqualification to hold any office of honour, trust or profit in this state. he shall nevertheless, whether convicted or acquitted, be liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to law.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the house of delegates shall have the sole power of impeaching the governor, but two thirds of all the members shall concur in such impeachment.

7. *And be it enacted*, That the impeachment of the governor shall be tried by the senate, and when sitting for that purpose the senators shall be upon oath or affirmation to do justice according to the evidence; the party accused shall not be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of all the senators.

8. *And be it enacted*, That the governor shall have his permanent residence at the seat of government, and shall at stated times receive for his services an adequate salary to be fixed by law, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected.

9. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be a secretary of state appointed by the governor, to hold his office during the pleasure of the governor, who shall keep a fair register of all the official acts and proceedings of the governor, and shall, when required, lay the same, and all papers, minutes, and vouchers relative thereto before the legislature or either branch thereof, and shall perform such other duties as shall be enjoined on him by law, and shall receive such salary or compensation for his services as may be provided by the legislature.

10. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of the governor to discharge the duties and powers of said office, the same shall devolve upon the president of the senate, until another governor shall be elected and qualified as is hereinafter provided for, and in case of the removal, death, resignation or inability of both governor and president of the senate, the legislature may provide by law what officer shall act as governor, until another be elected and qualified, or the disability removed.

11. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the removal of the governor from office, or of his death, resignation, or disqualification, his successor shall be elected at the first election for delegates to the general assembly which shall take place thereafter, and his term of service shall be the same as if no vacancy had occurred.

12. *And be it enacted*, That the first election for governor shall be held at the time of the election of delegates for the general assembly next ensuing the ratification and confirmation of this act.

13. *And be it enacted*, That all the powers and authorities at present exercised by the executive of this state, shall be, and hereby are vested in the governor, except the appointment of chancellor, judges of the courts of common law, attorney general, general, field and general staff officers, who shall be nominated by the governor and approved of by the senate.

14. *And be it enacted*, That the governor, appointed by virtue of this act, or the person authorised to act in his place, shall take the same oaths of office as are now directed to be taken by the governor of this state.

15. *And be it enacted*, That all and every part of the constitution and form of government of this state, which relates to the election of the governor and to the election of the council to the governor, that is in any manner repugnant to inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed upon the confirmation hereof.

16. *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, that in such case this act and the alterations and amendments of the constitution and form of government herein 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, any thing in said constitution and form of government to the contrary notwithstanding.

By the House of Delegates, 17th day of February, 1826—read and assented to. By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

By the Senate, 1st day of March, 1826—read and assented to.

By order,

WM. KILTY Clk.

JOS. KENT, Governor.

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To the Voters of Anne-Arundel County.

Fellow-Citizens,

I offer myself as an ELECTOR OF THE SENATE, at the Election to be held on the First Monday in September next, and respectfully solicit your suffrages.

Your ob't. servant,

WM. H. MARRIOTT.

Feb. 22d, 1826.

To the Independent Voters of Anne-Arundel County.

Fellow-Citizens,

I offer myself to your consideration as a candidate for the office of Senatorial Elector, for our county, at the approaching election. I deem it unnecessary to say much on the occasion. I have been long known to those of you, who like myself, are well stricken in years; and those who have become Voters since my head has whitened, can ask their Fathers who and what I am. But I pledge my word and honour, which I trust have never yet been doubted, that, if elected, no party bias shall influence my vote. The only inquiry with me, as to any Person who may be put in nomination, will be as to his integrity, capacity, and devotedness to our free and happy government. I will only further remark, that I am brought forward by no Caucus or secret association, my pretensions are submitted entirely to the judgment of my Fellow-Citizens. Should they sanction them, I shall feel grateful for the honour done me, if otherwise, no one can deprive me of the consoling reflection, that Anne-Arundel county has men better qualified to serve her on so important an occasion than myself. HORATIO RIDOUT.

April 6th, 1826.

JOHN T. DISNEY,

Woollen Draper, Tailor, and Habit Maker,

Informs his friends, and the public in general, that he has taken Mr. Nicholas J Watkins's business and stock of goods, and now carries on the above business in Mr. Coe's Brick Shop, (formerly occupied by Mr. Watkins,) directly opposite Williamson's Hotel, and has also just received a splendid assortment of

FASHIONABLE

SPRING GOODS,

Among which are the following:

Shepperd's Best Blk. and Blue Cloths,
Second do do do
Superfine Green and Olive do
Superfine Brown and Claret do
Superfine and second Grey Mixt do
Best Superfine Black, Mixed, Drab, Orange, Light, White and other Coloured Cassimers,
Black Satin, Twilled Bombazettes,
Denmark Sattin, and Lastings, of assorted colours,
Drilling, Plain and Striped, of every description.
Blk. English and French Florentines
White Buff and Figured Marseilles
Also a few Patent Suspenders of a superior quality.

JNO. T. DISNEY, Confidently believes that he will be able to give general satisfaction to all who may be pleased to patronize him, having had the advantage of acting as Foreman for Mr. N. J. Watkins for the last six years, and receives the fashions regularly four times a year from Philadelphia. The public may be assured that their work will be done in the neatest and most approved fashionable manner, as his workmen are of the most superior kind. He respectfully solicits a share of the public patronage.

N. B. A specimen of the Fashions, in drawing, may be seen by calling at his Shop.

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Notice is hereby Given,

That the subscriber has obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration on the personal estate of Mrs. Henrietta Brown late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are requested to produce them, legally authenticated, and those indebted to make payment.

John H. Brown, Adm'r.

June 19. 3w.

Sheriffalty.

To the Voters of Anne-Arundel County and the City of Annapolis.

The subscriber having been solicited by many of his Friends, offers himself as a Candidate at the ensuing election for Sheriff in 1827, and respectfully solicits their suffrages. Should he be honoured with their support, he pledges himself no exertions shall be wanting on his part to give satisfaction in the execution of the duties of that office.

Thos. W. Turner.

Oct. 27. te.

Sheriffalty.

John Knighton,

Respectfully notifies his Fellow-Citizens of Anne-Arundel county, and the City of Annapolis, that he is a Candidate for the office of Sheriff, at the election to be held in 1827; and solicits their suffrages

April 27. tf.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Court of Appeals and Anne-Arundel county court, at the suit of Rebecca Goodwin against James Nicholson, to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution a part of land, situate, lying and being, in Anne Arundel county, containing four acres more or less, called and known by the name of Indian Range and Hickory Hills, also one negro man named Tom, the property of the said James Nicholson. And I hereby give notice, that I shall, on Friday the 21st July next, at the Court House in Annapolis, offer the said property at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the debts due as aforesaid. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

R Welch, of Ben. Shff A A. C.

June 29. ts.

George M'Neir,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

Has just received a large and handsome assortment of

Spring Goods

Of a superior quality; among which may be found some of the *Best Black, Blue, Green and mixt Cloths & Cassimeres; Black, Drab and mixed Lastings; Silk and plain Drilling of various colours, Bombazetts and Nankins, with a large assortment of Vestings,*

Which he will be happy to sell, or make up, in the best and most fashionable style.

May 11. tf

100 Dollars Reward

FOR JIM, NO MATTER WHEN TAKEN.

Ran away from the subscriber near the Governor's Bridge, Prince George's county, Maryland, on the 24th March last, a Negro Man named JIM, about 40 years of age, his complexion not very dark, of ordinary height, but uncommonly large across the back and shoulders, very bowlegged, by which he may be known, limps a little in his walk, has an old scar near one of his eyes. His clothing was a suit of white domestic kersey, and one of dark woollen cloth, but no doubt has a variety. Jim's father, if alive, lives with Mr. John N Stockett, near South River Church, and he has brothers and other connections belonging to Mr. Gassaway Knighton, and I have no doubt but Jim is lurking thereabouts, or somewhere between South and Patuxent rivers, or he may possibly make for some fishing landing, or some of the waters at this season of the year, and there hire himself. All persons are hereby warned not to harbour or employ said fellow. Grafton Tyler

P. S.—Jim's wife is now living on the farm of the late Judge Gaither, known by the name of White's Landing, on Patuxent, opposite Lower Marlborough, and it is probable Jim is lurking about there or in Calvert county.

June 3. 13

Cabinet Making.

The subscriber, at his shop in Francis Street, one door above Mr. N. J. Watkins, and just below Mrs. Gadbrill's Boarding House, respectfully tenders his thanks for the patronage afforded him. Having laid in a large assortment of Mahogany, and procured good workmen, he is prepared to execute work in the best and most fashionable style. He solicits a share of public favour.

He will likewise furnish and superintend

FUNERALS,

On the shortest notice, and most reasonable terms

He will also attend to the business of

UPHOLSTERER.

Jonathan Weedon

Jan. 12. 25