

RESOLUTIONS of CONVENTION.

1776.

The same being, in the opinion of this convention, properly to be modified, or taken away, on a material alteration of the circumstances of those places, from either a depopulation or a considerable decrease of the inhabitants thereof.

That all freemen above twenty-one years of age, being freeholders of not less than fifty acres of land, or having visible property in this colony to the value of 40l. sterling at the least, and no others, be admitted to vote for representatives to serve in the said convention for the said counties and districts, and the town of Baltimore aforesaid; and that all freemen above twenty-one years of age, owning a whole lot of land in the said city of Annapolis, or having a visible estate of 20l. sterling at the least, within this province, or having served five years to any trade within the said city, and being a housekeeper, and no others, be admitted to vote for representatives to serve in the said convention for the said city; provided such person shall have resided in the county, district, city or town, where he shall offer to vote, one whole year next preceding the election.

That all elections of the said representatives be free, and that the same be made *viva voce* in the manner heretofore used in this colony, without any regard to any act of parliament or other qualifications than before mentioned. And to prevent any violence or force being used at the said elections, no person shall come armed to any of them, and that no muster of the militia be made on the day on which any of the said elections shall be held, nor shall any battalion or company of the militia, or any ten men thereof, give in their votes immediately succeeding each other, if any other voter who offers to vote objects thereto; nor shall any soldiers in the pay of this province be suffered to collect at the time and place of holding any of the said elections, so as in any manner to impede the freely and convenient carrying on such elections.

RESOLVED, That no person holding a commission or office in the regular forces of this province, shall, during the time of his holding the same, be eligible as a representative aforesaid; nor shall any person who shall hereafter accept of any commission or office in the land or sea service, or shall enlist in the regular forces raised or to be raised for the continental service, or the service of this or any other colony, be eligible as a representative as aforesaid, or hold any office or place in the civil department, or have a right to vote at any election, during the time he shall hold such commission or office in the military forces, or being therein enlisted as aforesaid.

That any person qualified as aforesaid to vote, may be elected a member of the intended convention, provided he be above 21 years of age, and shall have resided in the colony one whole year preceding the election.

That no person who has been published by any committee of observation, or the council of safety of this colony, as an enemy to the liberties of America, and has not been restored to the favour of his country, shall be permitted to vote at the election of members for the said convention.

That the intended elections for all the said counties and districts, be made on Thursday the first day of August next, but if any of them should not be finished on that day, then the judges of such election may adjourn the same from day to day, omitting Sunday if necessary, till the same is finished. That the said elections for all the said counties, except Frederick, Charles and Cæcil, be held at the places of holding the county courts of those counties respectively; that the elections for the districts of Frederick county be held at the places appointed for the elections of representatives in the same districts respectively, by resolutions of the convention of July last; that the election for Charles county be held at the house of Bennett Hanson Clements in said county; that the election for Cæcil county be held at the head of Elk river; and that the elections for Annapolis and Baltimore-town be held on Monday the fifth day of August next, at some convenient place in the said city or town, and may be adjourned as the said other elections.

RESOLVED, That Abraham Barnes, Hugh Hopewell, and Henry Tubman, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for St. Mary's county.

That George Dent, Samuel Hanson, and Warren Dent, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Charles county.

That Charles Grahame, William Allnut, and Daniel Rawlings, jun. Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Calvert county.

That John Cooke, William Beans, and Nathaniel Magruder, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Prince-George's county.

That John Weems, Thomas Watkins, and Thomas Dorsey, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Anne-Arundel county.

That Noah Hart, Christian Orendorff, and Ely Williams, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for the upper district of Frederick county.

That Christopher Edelen, William Luckett, jun. and David Shriver, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for the middle district of Frederick county.

That Jonathan Wilson, Zadok Magruder, and William Luckett, sen. Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for the lower district of Frederick county.

That Andrew Buchanan, Thomas Gift, and James Gittings, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Baltimore county.

That Amos Garrett, Thomas Johnson, and William Webb, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Harford county.

That Elisha Hall, sen. William Rumsfy, and Thomas Savin, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Cæcil county.

That John Page, William Bordley, and William Rogers, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Kent county.

That Thomas Ringgold, Jonathan Hall, and Nathaniel Wright, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Queen-Anne's county.

That John Goldsborough, Henry Banning, and William Perry, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Talbot county.

That Bartholomew Ennalls, Daniel Sulivane, and Henry Hooper, Q. S. Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Dorchester county.

That Foster Goldsborough, Jeremiah Colston, and John White, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Caroline county.

That Thomas Hayward, Andrew Francis Cheney, and Thomas Bruff, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Somerset county.

That Benton Harris, John Selby, and Thomas Martin, Esquires, or any one or two of them, be judge of and hold the election for Worcester county.