

Baltimore town, but temporarily, 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 40 l. 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 20 l. 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 beforementioned. 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