

**ELECTIONS** ought to be free and frequent, and every man, having property in, a common interest with, and an attachment to the community, ought to have a right of suffrage—*Decl. 5.*

See *Delegates—Elections for Representatives to Congress, &c.—Governor and Council, 21, 22—Negroes and Slaves, 46—Oath of office, 2, 6—Senate.*

## ELECTIONS

*For Representatives to Congress, and for choosing a President and Vice-president of the United States.*

1. **T**HE election of representatives for the state to serve in congress, shall be made by the citizens of this state, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, at the places in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore Town, and in the several counties of this state, prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state, for the election of delegates to the house of delegates, of which elections, notice shall be given by the sheriff's of the respective counties, and the judges of the election for the city of Annapolis and Baltimore town, in like manner as for the election of delegates to the house of delegates; and all and every officer and person, whose duty it is or may be to attend, conduct and regulate, according to the constitution of this state, the general election to be held on the 1st Monday of October yearly, for delegates to the general assembly, are hereby authorized, enjoined and required to attend, conduct and regulate the elections herein directed to be held for the purposes aforesaid, in like manner and within the same space of time as is, by the constitution of this state, directed for holding the said general election of delegates; and the several powers and authorities to them given by the said constitution, relating to the election of delegates to the general assembly, are vested in the said officers respectively, for the purpose of holding and conducting the said elections, to be held in pursuance of the constitution of the United States and this act—1790, c. 16, § 3, (see below, art. 4.)

2. The election of electors, for the purpose of choosing the president and vice-president of the United States, shall be made by the citizens of this state, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, in every fourth year for ever, after the expiration of the term for which the president and vice president hath been chosen, on such day as the congress of the United States shall hereafter, from time to time determine and appoint, at the places above described, for choosing delegates—*ibid.* § 4 (see below, art. 18.)

3. For the oath of a judge of an election, before he proceeds to take  
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