

6. The form of government to be established by this convention, ought not to be altered, changed or abolished, by the legislature of this state, but in such manner as this convention shall prescribe and direct.—*ibid.* 42.

7. This form of government, and the declaration of rights, and no part thereof, shall be altered, changed or abolished, unless a bill to alter, change or abolish the same, shall pass the general assembly, and be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the general assembly after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election; provided that nothing in this form of government, which relates to the eastern shore particularly, shall at any time hereafter be altered, unless for the alteration and confirmation thereof, at least two thirds of all the members of each branch of the general assembly shall concur.—*Const.* 59.

8. The manner of introducing the new government.—*ibid.* 61.

9. All writs, warrants or other process, issued out of the several offices of this state, or by any magistrate, during the continuance of the former government, and all land warrants granted and issuing out of the land office before the appointment and qualification of the registers of the land-office under the present government, shall continue and be in force for the same time and shall be executed by the proper officers appointed under the present government, in the same manner as if the former government had continued, and all officers having in their possession any such writs, warrants, or other process, or land warrants, or any records, books or papers are hereby directed to deliver them to the proper officers, immediately after their qualification to act under the present government, or as soon as thereunto required.—*Feb.* 1777, c. 15, § 8.

See *Governor & Council*, 28.

G O V E R N O R.

1. **A** Person of wisdom, experience and virtue, shall be chosen governor, on the second Monday of November, 1797, and on the second Monday in every year for ever thereafter, by the joint ballot of both houses, to be taken in each house respectively, deposited in a conference room, the boxes to be examined by a joint committee of both houses, and the members severally reported, that the appointment may be entered; which mode of taking the joint ballot of both houses shall be adopted in all cases. But if two or more shall have an equal number of ballots in their favour, by which the choice shall not be determined on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken, which shall