[illegible] divided in opinion; and [illegible] the state, by [illegible] their [illegible] in his place, [illegible] which shall be kept by [illegible] commissions, grants, and other public tes- [illegible] the council, if he shall qualify as [illegible] the profits or any office exercised by any [illegible] any governor be capable of hold- [illegible] and no person holding a place of [illegible] the profits, or any part of the profits, [illegible] for the army or navy, or holding any [illegible] a minister or preacher of the gospel, of any deno- [illegible] regular land service, or marine, of this or the United [illegible] of the council of this state.

[illegible] to congress or assembly, and member of the council, be- [illegible] that he will not receive directly or indirectly, at any time, [illegible] by any other person, [illegible] his acting in his office of gover- nor, senator, delegate to congress or assembly, or member of [illegible] or the profits, or any part [illegible] for the supply of cloathing or provisions for the army or navy.

[illegible] any senator, delegate to congress or assembly, or member of the council, shall hold or [illegible] office or profit, or receive, directly or indirectly, at any time, the profits, or any part [illegible] exercised by any other person, during his acting as senator, delegate to [illegible] his seat, on conviction in a court of law, by the [illegible] and he shall suffer the punishment for wilful and cor- [illegible] state for ever, or disqualified for ever from holding any office or [illegible] court may adjudge.

[illegible] the chancellor, all judges, the attorney-general, clerks of the general court, the clerks of the county courts, the registers of the land-office, and the registers of wills, shall hold their com- missions during good behaviour, removable only for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law.

[illegible] there be a register of wills appointed for each county, who shall be commissioned by the [illegible] the joint recommendation of the senate and house of delegates, and that upon the [illegible] disqualification, or removal out of the county, by any register of wills in the re- [illegible] the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint and com- [illegible] person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the meeting of the gene- ral assembly.

[illegible] sheriffs shall be elected in each county by ballot, every third year; that is to say, two [illegible] the office of sheriff for each county, the one of whom having the majority of votes, or if [illegible] number, either of them, at the discretion of the governor, to be commissioned by [illegible] the said office, and having served for three years, such person shall be ineligible for [illegible] succeeding; bond with security to be taken every year as usual, and no sheriff [illegible] to act before the same is given. In case of death, refusal, resignation, disqualifica- [illegible] removal out of the county, before the expiration of the three years, the other person chosen [illegible] shall be commissioned by the governor to execute the said office for the residue of the [illegible] the said person giving bond with security as aforesaid, and in case of his death, re- [illegible] disqualification, or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the said [illegible] the governor, with the advice of the council, may nominate and commission a fit and [illegible] to execute the said office for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving [illegible] as aforesaid; the election shall be held at the same time and place appointed for [illegible] of delegates, and the justices there summoned to attend for the preservation of the peace shall be judges thereof, and of the qualification of candidates, who shall appoint a clerk to take the ballots. All free men above the age of twenty-one years, having a free-hold of fifty acres of land in the county in which they offer to ballot, and residing therein, and all free men above the age of twenty-one years, and having property in the state above the value of thirty pounds current money, and having resided in the county in which they offer to ballot one whole year next preceding the election, shall have a right of suffrage; no person to be eligible to the office of sheriff for a county

but

(a) See the note to section 2. (b) See the note to section 18.