

THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND.

54. That if any person shall give any bribe, present or reward, or any promise, or any security, for the payment or delivery of any money, or any other thing, to obtain or procure a vote, to be governor, senator, delegate to congress or assembly, member of the council, or judge, or to be appointed to any of the said offices, or to any office of profit or trust now created or hereafter to be created in this state, the person giving and the person receiving the same, on conviction in a court of law, shall be for ever disqualified to hold any office of trust or profit in this state.

55. That every person appointed to any office of profit or trust shall, before he enters on the execution thereof, take the following oath, (a) to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, that I do not hold myself bound in allegiance to the king of Great-Britain, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland;" and shall also subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

56. That there be a court of appeals, composed of persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law, whose judgment shall be final and conclusive in all cases of appeal from the general court, court of chancery, and court of admiralty: That one person of integrity and sound judgment in the law be appointed chancellor: That three persons of integrity and sound judgment in the law be appointed judges of the court now called the Provincial Court, and that the same court be hereafter called and known by the name of the General Court, which court shall sit on the western and eastern shores for transacting and determining the business of the respective shores, at such times and places as the future legislature of this state shall direct and appoint.

57. That the style of all laws run thus, "Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland:" That all public commissions and grants run thus, "The state of Maryland, &c." and shall be signed by the governor, and attested by the chancellor, with the seal of the state annexed, except military and militia commissions, which shall not be attested by the chancellor, or have the seal of the state annexed: That all writs shall run in the same style, and be tested, sealed and signed as usual: That all indictments shall conclude, "Against the peace, government and dignity of the state."

58. That all penalties and forfeitures, heretofore going to the king or proprietary, shall go to the state, save only such as the general assembly may abolish or otherwise provide for.

59. That 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.

60. That every bill passed by the general assembly, when engrossed, shall be presented by the speaker of the house of delegates, in the senate, to the governor for the time being, who shall sign the same, and thereto affix the great seal, in the presence of the members of both houses: Every law shall be recorded in the general court office of the western shore, and in due time printed, published and certified, under the great seal, to the several county courts, in the same manner as hath been heretofore used in this state.

The following section is contained in the proceedings of the convention on framing the constitution:

61. That to introduce the new government, an election be held for the electors of the senate on Monday the twenty-fifth of November in this present year, and that the electors of the senate meet at Annapolis on Monday the ninth of December in this present year, and there choose senators; and that an election be held on Wednesday the eighteenth of December, for delegates to serve in general assembly, and for sheriffs; and that the said elections be made by such persons, in the same manner, and under the same qualifications, as such elections are herein before directed to be made at the periodical times before mentioned; the returns of all which first elections shall be made to the council of safety for the time being; and the general assembly shall meet at Annapolis on Monday the tenth of February next, and shall, in their then session, or in such future session as they shall think proper, choose a governor and council for the residue of the year in the manner before directed; and for filling, in the first instance only, all the offices in the disposition of the governor, with the advice

(a) See the note to section 18.