

VESTRIES.

The registers to make entries of all baptisms, marriages and funerals, of free persons in the parish by any episcopal minister, which such ministers are directed to acquaint them with. *Ibid.* § 19.

Ministers celebrating any baptism, marriage or burial, in any other parish, shall acquaint the minister or a vestryman therewith. *Ibid.* § 20.

Ministers, vestrymen or registers, failing in the duties assigned them, forfeit eight dollars. *Ibid.* § 21.

The parish register to have the custody of all registers of baptisms, &c. belonging thereto, to be shewn to any person reasonably desiring it. *Ibid.* § 22.

To give certificates thereof, which, when signed by him, and under the common seal of the vestry, shall be evidence in all courts of justice in the state. *Ibid.*

His fees for searching and giving a certificate. *Ibid.*

Penalty on vestrymen neglecting or refusing to appoint a register, or to vote thereon, or to find him books, &c. as before directed. *Ibid.* § 23.

Provision for holding special meetings, and penalty for not attending them. *Ibid.* § 24, 25.

Penalties for refusing to serve as vestrymen or churchwardens. *Ibid.* § 26.

All fines under this act to be recovered before a single magistrate, and applied to the use of the parish. *Ibid.* § 27.

The vestrymen of every parish incorporated, by the name of The Vestry of the parish to which they severally belong, to have perpetual succession. *Ibid.* § 28, 33.

Empowered to take, hold and dispose of, real and personal property, the clear yearly value of which, (exclusive of rents of pews, collections in churches, funeral charges and the like,) shall not exceed 2000 dollars. *Ibid.* § 28.

The vestry not to dispose of any of the church property without the consent therein prescribed. *Ibid.* § 29.

The principal of the money from such sales not to be applied towards the payment of the minister for his official duties. *Ibid.* § 30.

The vestry not prevented from buying land, not exceeding two acres for a burying-ground, or to build a parsonage house on, or to rent the pews, not interfering with any existing right thereto. *Ibid.* § 31.

Enabled to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, &c. *Ibid.* § 32.

The convention of the protestant episcopalian church in this state empowered to divide or unite parishes, to alter their bounds, and to constitute new ones. *Ibid.* § 33.

Provided that a majority of the parishioners qualified to vote for vestrymen shall consent thereto. *Ibid.*

On such division, &c. vestrymen and churchwardens to be chosen as herein directed for other parishes. *Ibid.*

VISITORS AND GOVERNORS.

See COLLEGE.

VOTES AND VOTERS.

Persons entitled to vote at elections who have a free-hold of fifty acres of land, and reside therein. Const. 2, 14, 42, 1790, ch. 16, § 3, 1795, ch. 73, § 2, 1799, ch. 50.

Persons so entitled who have property in the state above the value of £. 30, and have resided in the county one whole year next preceding the election. *Ibid.*

Directions respecting the right of voting in the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore. Const. 4, 5, 6.

See ELECTIONS.

The commissioners therein mentioned directed to make the districts as nearly equal as possible, having regard to population, extent, and the convenience of voters. 1799, ch. 50, § 1.

VOTES AND VOTERS.

Directions for entering the votes. *Ibid.* § 7.

No vote shall be taken before nine in the morning or after eight in the evening. *Ibid.* § 8.

Votes to be given where the voters reside, and not elsewhere. *Ibid.* § 11.

Penalty on persons, who having voted, offer to vote again in the same district or county. *Ibid.* § 12.

On persons voting in names not their own, or in the place of any other person of the same name. *Ibid.*

On persons residing out of a district, or out of the county or state, offering to vote therein. *Ibid.*

On persons voting twice at one election. *Ibid.* § 13.

Directions to the judges as to casting up the votes. *Ibid.* § 14, 16.

Penalty on giving or promising any gift or reward to secure any person's vote. *Ibid.* § 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Directions for their being made out, printed and distributed. 1790, ch. 51.

See ACTS OF ASSEMBLY.

WAR.

NO soldier ought to be quartered in any house in time of peace without the consent of the owner, and in time of war in such manner only as the legislature shall direct. Decl. 28.

The select companies of infantry, or such and so many of them as the commander in chief of the militia of this state shall think requisite, may at any time by him be ordered into service, without any draught made, and when called into service shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the articles of war, &c. 1798, ch. 100, § 34.

WARDENS.

See PORT WARDENS.

WARDS.

The orphans courts empowered to examine, hear and decree upon, all accounts, claims and demands, existing between wards and their guardians. 1798, No. 101, ch. 15, § 12.

For other matters, see GUARDIANS.

The city of Baltimore, (for the purpose of holding elections,) divided into the eight wards or districts into which it is now divided by the mayor and city council of said city. 1799, ch. 50, § 10.

WAREHOUSES.

See TOBACCO INSPECTION.

WARRANTS.

Warrants, without oath or affirmation, to search suspected places, or to seize any person, are grievous and oppressive. Decl. 23.

General warrants to search suspected places, or to apprehend suspected persons, without naming or describing the place or person in special, are illegal, and ought not to be granted. *Ibid.*

Warrants under the act for the speedy recovery of small debts, &c. to be returnable at a certain day, not exceeding forty days after the test thereof. 1791, ch. 68, § 6.

See SMALL DEBTS.

On judgment of death pronounced against a criminal, a warrant to be issued by the governor to the sheriff to execute the judgment at the time therein mentioned, (unless commuted by the governor to labour, &c.) 1795, ch. 82.

Warrants