

C H A P. XVI. “ affirm, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the election to be held in ——— county, the city of Annapolis or Baltimore-town, according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God.”

Persons to vote for eight electors, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That every person entitled and offering to vote for electors of president and vice-president, agreeably to the directions of this act, and the constitution of the state of Maryland, shall have a right to vote for eight persons, five of whom shall be residents of the western shore, and three of the eastern shore, and the five persons, residents of the western shore, having the greatest number of votes of all the candidates on that shore, and the three persons, residents of the eastern shore, having the greatest number of votes of all the candidates on that shore, shall be declared to be duly elected.

And one representative, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That every person entitled and offering to vote for representatives for this state in the congress of the United States, shall have a right to vote for one person, being a resident of his district at the time of the election, and having resided therein twelve calendar months immediately before, and otherways qualified according to the constitution of the United States, and the candidate having the greatest number of votes, shall be declared to be duly elected for that district.

Names of persons voted for to be written on parchment, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That after the polls in the several counties, and the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, shall be closed, and the votes cast up by the judges, the names of the several persons voted for in the several counties, and city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, shall be written on parchment, or paper, and the number of votes for each candidate in the several counties, the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, enumerated and set down, which number shall be written in words at length, and not in figures; and the polls, and other papers relating to the elections, shall be sealed up and deposited with the clerks of the several county courts, and on such names and numbers being so set down and written, the judges of the several elections in the city of Annapolis, Baltimore-town, and each and every county of the state, when assembled at the usual place for holding elections, shall respectively, within the space of three days after the said elections, sign and seal the papers or instruments on which the same are so written, and shall make out, sign, seal and execute, duplicate returns thereof, one whereof shall be delivered to the clerk of the county to be kept safely, and the other copy thereof shall be sealed up, and delivered or safely transmitted, by the sheriff of the proper county within ten days after each respective election, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money, to the governor and council, for their inspection and examination; and the governor and council, after having received the returns, papers and instruments aforesaid, shall enumerate and ascertain the numbers of votes for each and every candidate and person so as aforesaid chosen as representatives or electors respectively, and shall thereupon declare, by proclamation signed by the governor, and without delay dispersed through the state, the names of the six persons duly elected as representatives, and the names of the eight persons duly elected as electors; and the governor and council shall, as soon as conveniently may be after such examination and declaration, transmit a certificate of the election of the representatives, under the seal of the state, to the secretary of state for the United States, or other proper officer authorized to receive the same, to be by him delivered to the house of representatives in the congress of the United States, when they shall be assembled at the time and place directed and fixed on by the congress of the United States.

Elections to be free, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That the said elections shall be free, and made *viva voce*.

Electors to assemble, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That the electors so as aforesaid to be chosen, shall assemble on such day as the congress of the United States shall hereafter, from time to time, determine and appoint, at the city of Annapolis, and shall then and there perform the duties enjoined upon them by the said constitution of the United States, agreeably to the directions thereof.

XII. **And**