

received, subject to such disposition thereof as the legislature may deem just and equitable. And any such officer failing to comply with the said requisition, shall be deemed to have vacated his office, and be subject to suit by the state for the amount that ought to have been paid into the treasury.

§ 2. The legislature shall have power to pass all such laws as may be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by this constitution, in any department or office of the government, and the duties imposed upon them thereby.

§ 3. If in any election directed by this constitution any two or more candidates shall have the highest and an equal number of votes, a new election shall be ordered, unless in cases specially provided for by the constitution.

§ 4. The trial by jury of all issues of fact in civil proceedings, in the several courts of law in this state, where the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of five dollars, shall be inviolably preserved.

§ 5. In the trial of all criminal cases the jury shall be the judges of law as well as fact.

§ 6. The legislature shall have power to regulate by law all matters which relate to the judges, time, place, and manner of holding elections in this state, and of making returns thereof, provided that the tenure and term of office, and the day of election, shall not be affected thereby.

§ 7. All rights vested, and all liabilities incurred, shall remain as if this constitution had not been adopted.

§ 8. The governor and all officers, civil and military, now holding commissions under this state, shall continue to hold and exercise their offices, according to their present tenure, until they shall be superseded, pursuant to the provisions of this constitution, and until their successors be duly qualified.

§ 9. The sheriffs of the several counties of this state, and of the city of Baltimore, shall give notice of the several elections authorized by this constitution, in the manner prescribed by existing laws for elections under the present constitution.

§ 10. This constitution, if adopted by a majority of the legal votes cast on the first Wednesday of June next, shall go into operation on the fourth day of July next, and on and after said day shall supersede the present constitution of this state.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendment of the Constitution.

It shall be the duty of the legislature, at its first session immediately succeeding the returns of every census of the United States, hereafter taken, to pass a law for ascertaining, at the next general election of delegates, the sense of the people of Maryland in regard to the calling a convention for altering the constitution; and in case the majority of votes cast at said election shall be in favour of calling a convention, the legislature shall provide for assembling such convention, and electing delegates thereto at the earliest convenient day; and the delegates to the said convention shall be elected by the several counties of the state and the city of Baltimore, in pro-