

C H A P.
CXVI.Counties di-
vided into dis-
tricts.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the several counties of this state, for the purpose of holding all future elections for delegates, electors of the senate, and sheriffs of the several counties, shall be divided into separate districts in the manner herein after directed, viz. Saint-Mary's county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Kent county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Calvert county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Charles county shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Talbot county shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Somerset county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Dorchester county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Cecil county shall be divided and laid off into four separate districts, Prince-George's county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Queen-Anne's county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Worcester county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Frederick county shall be divided and laid off into seven separate districts, Harford county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Caroline county shall be divided and laid off into three separate districts, Washington county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Montgomery county shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts, Allegany county shall be divided and laid off into six separate districts.

A. A. county
into five.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Anne-Arundel county, including the city of Annapolis, shall be divided and laid off into five separate districts.

Baltimore into
seven, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Baltimore county, out of the limits of the city of Baltimore, shall be divided and laid off into seven districts, and that the city of Baltimore shall be laid off into eight districts.

Parts of the
constitution re-
pealed.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and every part of the constitution and form of government relating to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding elections in the city of Baltimore, all and every part of the second, third, fifth, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government of this state, as also every part of the said constitution and form of government which relate to the judges, place, time and manner, of holding the several elections for delegates, electors of the senate, and sheriffs of the several counties, be and the same are hereby abrogated, repealed and annulled, and the same shall hereafter be regulated by law.

No person to
vote without
written evi-
dence, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person possessing the qualification of property required by the constitution shall be entitled to vote at any election to be held for sheriffs, delegates to the general assembly, or electors of the senate, unless there be some written evidence that he is worth thirty pounds, or a freehold of fifty acres of land, at the time he offers to vote, this written evidence to be an assessment of property to that amount, which assessment may be made at any time before such person offers to vote, upon his producing satisfactory testimony of his possessing such property; the manner of making out such assessment, and the person or persons to judge of the qualification as to property, to be hereafter regulated by law.

Parts of the
constitution re-
pealed.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all parts of the constitution and form of government not herein before enumerated, which are repugnant to, and inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed, annulled and avoided.

If confirmed, to
be a part of the
constitution.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act, and the alteration of the said constitution contained therein, shall be considered as a part, and shall constitute and be valid as a part, of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Passed Jan. 20.

Preamble.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts of this session, that there is now due from this state the sum of twelve thousand three hundred and twelve pounds fourteen shillings and five-pence halfpenny current money;

Treasurer to
pay, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the treasurer of the western shore shall and he is hereby authorized and required to pay the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of current money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be settled and ascertained by the said journal of accounts, out of any money now in the treasury, or which shall come into the treasury, subject to the appropriation of the general assembly.

RESOLUTIONS assented to November Session, 1798.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that negro Edward, the slave of Morris James M'Donough, of Charles county, was convicted of felony at a court of oyer and terminer and general gaol delivery, held in Prince-George's county on the twenty-third day of August last, and that sentence of death was passed upon him by the justices of said court, who valued said negro at one hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings current money, and that the punishment of said negro was commuted by the governor, and it is doubtful whether the law has made any provision for the same; therefore RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto Morris James M'Donough, of Charles county, the sum of one hundred and twelve pounds ten shillings current money, being the valuation aforesaid.

Whereas