

and after the election and qualification of the Commissioner of the Land office.

Sec. 7. The State Librarian shall be elected by the joint vote of the two branches of the legislature, for two years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualify. His salary shall be one thousand dollars per annum. He shall perform such duties as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Sec. 8. The county authorities now known as Levy Courts or County Commissioners, shall hereafter be styled "County Commissioners," and shall be elected by general ticket, and not by districts, by the voters of the several counties, on the first Wednesday in November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and on the same day in every second year thereafter. Said Commissioners shall exercise such powers and duties only as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe, but such powers and duties and the tenure of office shall be uniform throughout the State; and the Legislature shall, at or before its second regular session after the adoption of this Constitution, pass such laws as may be necessary for determining the number for each county, and ascertaining and defining the powers, duties and tenure of office of said Commissioners; and until the passage of such laws the Commissioners elected under this Constitution shall have and exercise all the powers and duties in their respective counties now exercised by the county authorities under the laws of the State.

Sec. 9. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the election of Road Supervisors in the several counties by the voters of the election districts respectively, and may provide by law for the election or appointment of such other county officers as may be required, and are not herein provided for, and prescribe their powers and duties; but the tenure of office, their powers and duties and mode of appointment, shall be uniform throughout the State.

Sec. 10. The qualified voters of each county and the city of Baltimore shall, at the first election of delegates after the adoption of this Constitution, and every two years thereafter, elect a Surveyor for the counties and the city of Baltimore respectively, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed by law for the county and city Surveyors respectively, or as may hereafter be prescribed by law. The term of office of said county and city Surveyors respectively shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding their election; and vacancies in said office of Surveyors by death, resignation or removal from their respective counties or city, shall be filled by the Commissioners of the counties or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore respectively.

Sec. 11. The qualified voters of Worcester county shall, at the first election of delegates after the adoption of this Constitution, and

every two years thereafter, elect a Wreck-Master for said county, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed or may be hereafter prescribed by law. The term of office of said Wreck-Master shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding his election; and a vacancy in said office by death, resignation or removal from the county, shall be filled by the County Commissioners of said county for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

ARTICLE VIII.

New Counties.

Sec. 1. That part of Anne Arundel county called Howard District, is hereby created into a new county, to be called Howard county; the inhabitants whereof shall have, hold and enjoy all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the other counties in this State; and its civil and municipal officers at the time of the ratification of this constitution, shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed, and shall have qualified as such; and all rights, powers and obligations incident to Howard District of Anne Arundel county shall attach to Howard county.

Sec. 2. When that part of Allegany county, lying south and west of a line beginning at the summit of Big Back Bone or Savage Mountain, where that mountain is crossed by Mason and Dixon's line, and running thence by a straight line to the middle of Savage river, where it empties into the Potomac river; thence by a straight line to the nearest point or boundary of the State of Virginia, then with said boundary to the Fairfax stone, shall contain a population of ten thousand, and the majority of electors thereof shall desire to separate and form a new county, and make known their desire by petition to the Legislature, the Legislature shall direct at the next succeeding election, that the judges shall open a book at each election district in said part of Allegany county, and have recorded therein the vote of each elector "for or against" a new county. In case the majority are in favor, then said part of Allegany county, to be declared an independent county, and the inhabitants whereof shall have and enjoy all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the other counties in this State: *Provided*, That the whole representation in the General Assembly of the county when divided shall not exceed the present delegation of Allegany county allowed under this constitution, until after the next census.

ARTICLE IX.

Militia.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to pass laws for the enrollment of the