

any contested election, the Governor shall send the returns to the House of Delegates, who shall judge of the election and qualification of the candidates at such election.

Sec. 16. All public commissions and grants shall run thus: "The State of Maryland;" &c., and shall be signed by the Governor, with the seal of the State annexed; all writs and process shall run in the same style, and be tested, sealed and signed as usual; and all indictments shall conclude "against the peace, government and dignity of the State."

PART II.—COURT OF APPEALS.

Sec. 17. The Court of Appeals shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, and for their selection the State shall be divided into five Judicial Districts, as follows, viz: Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne, Kent and Cecil Counties shall compose the First District; Harford and Baltimore Counties, and the first seven Wards of Baltimore city, shall compose the Second District; Baltimore city, except the first seven Wards, shall compose the Third District; Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Howard and Carroll Counties, shall compose the Fourth District; St. Mary's, Charles, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, shall compose the Fifth District, and one of the Justices of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from each of said districts, by the qualified voters of the whole State. The present Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Court of Appeals shall continue to act as such until the expiration of the term for which they were respectively elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and an election for a Justice of the Court of Appeals, to be taken from the Fourth Judicial District,

shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Sec. 18. The Court of Appeals shall hold its sessions in the City of Annapolis, on the first Monday in April and the first Monday in October, of each and every year, or at such other times as the General Assembly may by law direct, and it shall be competent for the Justices of said Court, sufficient cause appearing to them, temporarily to transfer their sittings elsewhere.

Sec. 19. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State, and such as now is or may hereafter be prescribed for it by law, and its sessions shall continue for not less than ten months in the year, if the business before it shall so require.

Sec. 20. Any three of the Justices of the Court of Appeals may constitute a quorum, but no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three Justices in the decision; and in every case decided an opinion in writing shall be filed within three months after the argument or submission of the cause, and the judgment of the Court shall be final and conclusive.

Sec. 21. The salary of the Justices of the Court of Appeals shall be three thousand dollars, each per annum, payable quarterly.

Sec. 22. Provision shall be made by law for publishing reports of all causes argued and determined in the Court of Appeals, which the Justices shall designate as proper for publication.

Sec. 23. The Court of Appeals shall appoint its own Clerk, who shall hold his office for six years, and may be re-appointed at the end thereof; he shall