

ard, Anne Arundel, Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's formed the second district. Baltimore City constituted the third district, and the eight counties of the Eastern Shore the fourth. A residence of five years in the district from which the commissioner was chosen was required to be eligible to this office. The commissioners' duties were, to have supervision over all public works in which the State was interested as stockholder or creditor.

The commissioners were also given authority to regulate the "tolls" so as to prevent injurious competition. In case of an equal division of opinion among the commissioners, the State's treasurer had the final decision.<sup>55</sup> It will be noticed that the districts were so arranged as to place the sections of the State with similar interest in the same district.

County commissioners were to be elected directly by the people. These officers were previously appointed by the governor. The election must be by a "general ticket," and not by district. The powers of the county commissioners were strictly limited by the legislature. Road supervisors were also to be elected by popular vote, as well as the county surveyors. The county of Worcester was required to elect a wreck master. Every commonwealth officer, with the exception of the governor, whose yearly income exceeded three thousand dollars was required to keep a record of all money he received, and to report the same to the treasurer annually. The excess over three thousand dollars was to be paid in to the state treasury. This provision was intended to prevent the enormous salaries received by some of the public officers in fees. It was said that the clerk of the Baltimore county court received fifteen thousand dollars annually in fees. Howard district, a part of Anne Arundel county, was erected into a county called Howard. A provision was also made for the erection of another county out of part of Allegany county.<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>55</sup> Art. vii.

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