nominated before the day of election came, they would get over all their scruples and deposit their ballots in his favor.

Mr. M. then continued his argument at considerable length, and in reply to previous speakers.

Mr. Barry said they must lead the people.

Mr. Maulsby concluded his argument in favor of the life tenure. A faulty judge could never be billeted upon the people, as it was always in the power of the Legislature to remove him.

Mr. Kilbourn argued in favor of the amendment, and maintained that the assumption of possible corruption as growing out of the elective system was fallacious. What was the case in regard to Judge Taney, who had left such imperishable fame behind him? That eminent jurist could have been elected to any position by any party in Maryland, not because he pandered to partisan prejudices, but because of his faithful and upright performance of duty. Gentlemen contend that the incompentent or unfaithful judge could be removed at any time by the Legislature. So could he under the term system, and instances had occurred under this system where such removals had been made. He believed in the wisdom of the majority of the people, and had confidence in their ability to control this matter. He had listened with great interest to the debates, and would have preferred, if consistent with his convictions of duty, that the report of the committee should be adopted, but he was unable to favor it with such provisions, and his constituents would deem him unmindful of their interests did he not rise here and protest against such a radical change in the fundamental law of the State. He denied that the defects which are complained of were due to the system, but maintained that they were the result of the pollution of the ballot-box, with the assistance of a foreign military power. As to salaries, he was willing that the judge should have any reasonable compensation that his services demand, but was unwilling to extend any compensation beyond his term of office.

Mr. Carmichael, in explanation of his vote, proposed to say a single word. It seems to be considered by all the