

— years from the expiration of the term of the present Governor.

On this motion debate ensued.

Mr. Nelson's motion, however, was negatived.

No further amendments being proposed, the second section was passed over.

Mr. Page moved the following as an additional section, to be inserted as section 3.

“The State shall be divided into three gubernatorial districts, the city of Baltimore and the counties of Baltimore, Carroll and Harford to constitute the first; the eight counties of the Eastern Shore the second; and the counties of St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's Anne Arundel, Montgomery, Howard, Frederick, Washington and Allegany the third. The Governor, who was elected from the first district at the last election, shall continue in office during the term for which he was elected. The Governor shall be taken from the second district at the first election of Governor under this constitution; from the third district at the second election, and from the first district at the third election; and in like manner afterwards, from each district in regular succession.”

Mr. Gill said that the population of one of these districts in the last census was 315,000, of another 221,000, and of another 150,000, and in one of them it was known the population had largely increased. The city of Baltimore, which was put down at 212,000, had now nearly if not quite 300,000, and Baltimore county, which was put down at 54,000, had now from 70,000 to 75,000. Mr. Gill here yielded the floor.

Mr. Garey hoped the absent members would be compelled to come in. He had sat here day after day in his seat while other members had absented themselves to walk about the streets.

On motion of Mr. Carter, a call of the House was ordered.

The doors were then closed and the sergeant-at-arms, bearing his mace, was dispatched to bring in the absen-