

ed, but subsequently reconsidered. Another amendment was proposed and rejected, whereupon Mr. Stoddert's amendment was again adopted.

No further amendments being proposed, section 18 was read, as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Governor semi-annually and oftener to examine the bank books, account books and official proceedings of the Treasurer and Comptroller of the State, on their oaths."

Mr. Barry did not see how the Governor could examine bank books on their oaths, and, to make the section more euphonious, offered a substitute, as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the Governor semi-annually and oftener to examine, under oath, the Treasurer and Comptroller of the State in all matters pertaining to their respective offices, and inspect and review the bank and other account books."

Mr. Brown thought this provision could not be carried out unless a Governor was always elected who is a competent bookkeeper. The receipts and disbursements of the State of Maryland amount to \$3,000,000 per annum, and a thorough examination, such as is here contemplated, would occupy the Governor all of his time. It was well known that in books of the nature kept at these offices frauds could be so covered up that none but a most expert accountant could discover them. He had known many of the Governors of Maryland, and although they were amply competent to discharge their duties, he did not think they would be equal to this task.

The substitute of Mr. Barry was adopted.

Mr. Nicolai approved of the views of the gentleman from Baltimore, (Mr. Brown,) and would move to strike out the entire section.

The motion to strike out was disagreed to.

Sections 19 and 20 were read and passed over without amendment.

Section 21 was read, as follows:

"The Governor shall reside at the seat of government, and receive for his services an annual salary of \$4,500."