

not, however, in favor of the proposition of his colleague from Baltimore, (Mr. George,) as he thought it too broad, but he had an amendment which did represent his own views, and with this he did not see any objection to the plan as recommended by the committee on education. In regard to what has fallen from the gentleman from Charles, (Mr. Stoddert,) he (Mr. G.) did not scruple to say that he had no objection to being taxed for the support of the schools of the lower counties in the present impoverished condition. He wanted this system of Baltimore secured to them, and then if the Legislature may prefer to lay a general school tax he would not object, but all he asked of this Convention was that it should give them their own system.

Mr. Rider said that, as a member of the committee, he should like to give the reasons why he had sanctioned the report. The subject of incorporating into the constitution a detailed system was thoroughly discussed, and he was satisfied that it would not be politic to encumber the constitution with such a provision. He believed that it would be the most popular thing they could do to pass the first section as reported. He was in favor of giving to the city of Baltimore a separate system, as he did not believe a uniform system could be adopted. The present system was odious, because the funds were eaten up by the officials. He confessed that there were some features in the present system which were good, and he believed it was the opinion of the people that it might be improved upon. The whole subject had been thoroughly discussed in committee, and the unanimous conclusion was that the constitution should not be encumbered with the details.

Mr. Barnes said they were all in the dark as to the result of education, and read from the statistics of crime in Massachusetts and Maryland, by which it appears that crime of all kinds was relatively three to five hundred per cent. greater in Massachusetts than in Maryland.

After some further remarks, Mr. Barnes moved the further consideration of the subject be postponed until Tuesday next.

Mr. Farnandis had no objection to the postponement, if the Convention thought it could improve this article. In