

citizens of Baltimore, relative to the mayor and city council of that city.

Mr. Jones presented the petition of one hundred and thirty-eight citizens of Somerset county against the proposed new county scheme.

The report of the committee on the treasury department was then taken up. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were read, slightly amended, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Barry offered the following as an additional section, to be known as section 6, which was adopted:

"In any case wherein charges shall be preferred to the Governor against the Comptroller or Treasurer for incompetency, willful neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or misappropriation of the funds of the State, it shall be the duty of the Governor to forthwith notify the party so charged, and fix a day for a hearing of said charges, and if, from the evidence taken under oath on said hearing before the Governor, the said allegations shall be sustained, it shall be the duty of the Governor to remove said offending officer, and to appoint another in his place, who shall hold his office for the unexpired term of the officer so removed."

On motion of Mr. Hollyday, the vote passing section one to a second reading, was reconsidered.

Mr. Hollyday then moved to amend by inserting, after the word "ballot," the words "whose term of office shall be for two years, and until their successors shall qualify." The amendment was adopted.

The article having now been read a second time was, on motion of Mr. Hollyday, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Jones, from the select committee appointed upon the election and qualification of members, made a report, which was concurred in.

The report of the special committee on the rate of interest and the usury laws of the State was taken up.

Mr. Denson moved to strike out "six" and insert "seven."

Mr. Bradley proposed the following as a substitute: