

argument in its favor, going over the whole subject of labor and the industrial interests.

Mr. Brent had listened with much interest to the very able exposition of the gentleman from Anne Arundel, (Mr. Giddings,) and as this was a subject of the greatest moment to the people of the State, he moved that 5,000 copies of the argument be printed for general information.

The motion was amended so as to make it 2,000 copies, and was then adopted.

The unfinished business, being the report of the committee on the elective franchise, was then resumed, the section under consideration being the second:

“No person above the age of twenty-one years, convicted of larceny or other infamous crime, unless pardoned by the Governor, shall ever thereafter be entitled to vote at any election in this State; and no person under guardianship as a lunatic, or as a person non compos mentis, or found to be a lunatic or non compos mentis by the verdict of a jury, shall be entitled to vote.”

The pending question was on the amendment of Mr. Maulsby to strike out all down to the word “and” inclusive, and add at the end of the section the words “at any election held in this State.”

After some debate, in which Messrs. Brown, Mitchell, Stoddert, Wickes, Groome, Garey and others participated, the amendment was disagreed to, as were also others which were proposed.

Mr. Garey offered an amendment striking out the following: “Or found to be a lunatic or non compos mentis by the verdict of a jury, which was agreed to.

Section 3 was read.

Mr. Tarr, of Caroline, submitted the following as a substitute for the entire section:

“The General Assembly shall impose fines and penalties for bribery, corruption, or interference with elections.”

Mr. Tarr considered this a matter belonging entirely to the Legislature.