

Mr. Thomas submitted the following, which was adopted:

*Ordered*, That no member of the Convention shall speak more than fifteen minutes, nor more than once on any question; and if any member shall exceed fifteen minutes, he shall be called to order by the President, and shall not be allowed to proceed further without unanimous consent.

Mr. Alvey, from the committee on the basis of representation, asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial relating to the formation of a new county out of parts of Somerset and Worcester counties, which was agreed to.

Mr. Dent, from the committee on the legislative department, reported three additional sections, as follows:

Sec. —. No person shall be deemed incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by act of the General Assembly.

Sec. —. It shall not be lawful for the General Assembly to authorize any of the counties, cities or municipal corporations of this State to incur any debt or obligation in making or assisting to make any railroads, canals or works of internal improvement, without the consent of a majority of the qualified voters, who may vote in such county, city or municipal corporation in reference to such debt or obligation, in such manner and at such time and place as the General Assembly may prescribe.

Sec. —. The General Assembly shall, by law, provide for the appointment of a State prison inspector, to visit and inspect the penitentiary, jails, almshouses, hospitals, lunatic asylums and other institutions and places in which persons are or may be confined under the laws of the State, and shall define therein his term of office, salary, powers and duties.

Mr. Hammond moved to refer the memorial in relation to the formation of Wicomico county to a special committee of eleven—two from Somerset, two from Worcester, two from the county proposed to be formed, and five from the rest of the State.