

annum, unless otherwise provided by the General Assembly.”

The report was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The President announced the appointment of Messrs. Hammond, Jones, Horsey, McMaster, Tarr, Toadvine, Rider, Archer, Mitchell, Alvey and Gill as a committee to consider and report upon the various petitions and memorials presented to the Convention from citizens of Somerset and Worcester counties relative to the formation of a new county out of portions of those counties.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the Convention went into committee of the whole, with Mr. Jones, of Somerset, in the chair, and the report of the committee on education was taken up.

Mr. Carter moved that the committee rise and report progress to the House, which was agreed to.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the Convention then took up the report of the committee on education, the second section being under consideration.

Mr. Barry said so many amendments had been proposed, and so many gentlemen had expressed views diametrically opposite, and they had been wafted so far into the ocean of debate, that it was difficult to determine what really was the opinion of the Convention. There had been but one single member on the floor who had declared in favor of the present system; it had but one friend here.

He (Mr. B.) thought the article, as reported by the committee, should be adopted, as the Legislature would have the power to create a new system, and it would be perfectly competent to give to the city of Baltimore such a system as she now has, or any system which she may desire in lieu of it. He was in favor of leaving this matter to the Legislature, where it properly belonged. Without using the term in any sense of disrespect, he must say that the Convention had got itself into a muddle on the whole subject, and he hoped that, as the matter had been thoroughly discussed, the article would be adopted as reported by the committee.