

Section 5 was then amended so as to provide for future elections of judges.

The report of the committee respecting the appointment, tenure of office, duties and compensation of all civil officers not embraced in the duties of other standing committees was taken up, the question being on the motion of Mr. Walsh to reconsider the vote adopting the substitute of Mr. Bateman for sections 4 and 5, abolishing the office of commissioner of the land office and keeper of the chancery records, and devolving their duties on the clerk of the Court of Appeals and the judge of that court elected from the city of Baltimore.

Mr. McKaig said the preservation of the office of land commissioner was of great importance, to Allegany county especially, and many titles throughout the State depended upon the papers in that office.

Mr. Walsh also argued against the abolishing of the office, and said that it was impossible for the clerk of the Court of Appeals to perform its duties.

Mr. Roman said the office has always been self-sustaining.

The motion to reconsider was further discussed by Messrs. Lee, Stoddert, Mackubin and others.

The motion of Mr. Walsh was agreed to, and the substitute of Mr. Bateman was then rejected by yeas 14, nays 58.

Mr. Horsey, of Frederick, moved to reduce the salary of the commissioner of the land office from \$2,000 to \$1,500 per annum, which was agreed to.

Mr. Mackubin submitted the following substitute for the fifth section, which was adopted:

“The commissioner of the land office shall also, without any additional compensation, collect, arrange, classify, have charge of, and safely keep all papers, records, relics and memorials connected with the early history of Maryland, not belonging to any other office.”

The report was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, and the Convention then, at 10.05 P. M., adjourned.