visions were of such a nature it could not fail to benefit most largely the landowners of the State.

Mr. Kilbourn advocated the motion to reconsider, and argued in favor of retaining the office of immigration agent.

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

Mr. Kilbourn offered an amendment to the third section of the article, and asked to open the report to receive it, as follows: Strike out in the second and third lines "those officers were," and insert "that officer was," and in the sixth and seventh lines strike out "officers before mentioned," and insert "office of commissioner of immigration."

Mr. Kilbourn said that this amendment would have the effect to preserve the office of immigration agent, an office the expenses of which, as he had been advised by the distinguished incumbent of that office, had been somewhat overestimated by an inadvertence of the chairman of the committee on labor and agriculture, the annual amount of which, as allowed by the act of the Legislature, is but $750, instead of $1,500. This office had been recently created and provided for by an act of the last Legislature, and the incumbent had commenced the discharge of its duties in reference to its continuation for the term of its limitation of two years. He hoped this officer would not be disturbed by the action of the Convention. So far from opposing the article proposed, he should cheerfully support it with this amendment. He believed the agent of immigration had entered upon the discharge of his duties with great energy and ability, and he hoped he would be permitted to perform his duties as designated and required by the act of the Legislature.

The Convention refused to entertain the amendment.

Mr. Stoddert said that he had advocated this report in the committee, but from the manner in which it had been changed by the Convention he would be compelled to vote against it, as it would be perfectly useless to the people of the State.

Mr. Brown rose to explain his vote on the passage of the bill. This article abolishes the offices of commissioner