

ture should not be prohibited from passing laws granting the right of appeal in cases previously adjudicated, where existing laws allowed of no appeal, or the right of appeal, was not availed of in the time limited by law, and whether a provision should not be inserted in the constitution providing that the rights of parties to civil suits shall not be changed or affected by any law passed during the pendency of such suits except so far as such laws may affect the mode of proceeding in civil suits.

On motion of Mr. Rider, of Somerset, it was

*Ordered*, That the committee on the elective franchise inquire into the expediency of incorporating in the constitution a provision providing for a uniform registration of voters within the State of Maryland, which shall be taken and held as the only evidence of the qualification of said voters at any election that may hereafter be held in the State.

Mr. Ford, from the select committee appointed to ascertain and report upon what terms the services of a competent reporter for this Convention can be obtained, made a report that the services of a competent reporter can be obtained to report the debates at \$2.50 per page, containing the same amount of matter as the reports of the Convention of 1864.

On motion of Mr. Kilbourne, the report was ordered to lie upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Barry, the order setting apart tomorrow, at 1 o'clock, for the election of a reporter to the Convention was rescinded.

Mr. Wethered submitted an order to proceed now to the election of a reporter for the Convention. Considerable debate ensued on the motion.

Mr. Archer opposed the election of any reporter whatever as having the tendency to keep the Convention in protracted session, many members having expressed their intention of speaking at length if their remarks were to be reported in full.

Mr. Brown was opposed to reporting the debates in full. He was not of the opinion that they would be of sufficient value to be printed in full.

Pending discussion, the Convention adjourned.