

consideration the propriety of incorporating into the new constitution about to be framed, a section requiring the General Assembly, at its first session after the adoption of said new constitution, to appoint three Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to revise, reform, simplify and abridge the rules and practice, pleadings, forms and proceedings of the courts of record of this State; and as far as practicable and expedient, provide for the abolition of the distinct forms of actions at law now in use, and the administration of justice in a uniform mode of pleading, without reference to any distinction between law and equity, and that said commissioners shall from time to time, when required, report their proceedings to the General Assembly, subject to the action of that body.

The President laid before the Convention a report from the register of wills of Carroll county, in obedience to the order of the Convention of the 15th ult.

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The President also laid before the Convention a report from the clerk to the commissioners of the tax of Carroll county, in obedience to the order of the Convention of the 15th ult.

Which was read and referred to the committee on Representation.

On motion of Mr. Dashiell,

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the resolution submitted by Mr. Bowie, from the majority of the committee appointed to examine the credentials, and to inquire into the qualifications of members of the Convention, and the resolution submitted by Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, the minority of said committee, as an amendment thereto;

The question before the Convention, being upon the amendment offered by Mr. Donaldson, on yesterday, to the resolution of the majority of the committee, by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following :

"That all civil officers of the State, whether commissioned or not, who have resided within the State of Maryland, for twelve months next preceding their election, are eligible to seats in this Convention ;"

After debate thereon,

Mr. Brown, moved the previous question, that is

"Shall the main question be now put?" and it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put,

"Will the Convention accept the amendment as offered by Mr. Donaldson?"

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred and was put, on the resolution offered as an amendment by Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, the minority committee; and

Determined in the negative.