

such books shall be the property of the State of Maryland, and be at all times subject to the inspection of the Treasurer of Maryland and the General Assembly, and of any person authorised by either to inspect the same; and upon the requisition of the General Assembly or the Treasurer of Maryland, the said books shall be deposited in the office of the Treasurer of Maryland; and after the above mentioned appointment, no bond, coupon or certificate of indebtedness by the State thereafter issued, unless countersigned as aforesaid, shall be of any force, validity or effect as against the State of Maryland,

On motion of *Mr. Dirickson*, it was

Ordered, That the committee to consider and report respecting the regulation of inspections, be requested and directed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the present system of appointing inspectors, and to provide that all persons desiring to become inspectors shall be required to take some prescribed oath, and to take out such license as shall be hereafter regulated by law.

Mr. Hollyday submitted the following preamble and order:

Which was twice read and adopted.

Whereas, under the present system of compensating justices of the peace in the counties of this State, those officers are dependent for their fees and emoluments, entirely upon the amount of official business they may transact, and are thereby rendered in a great degree dependent upon the constables for their fees, and are exposed to the temptation of inciting litigation unnecessarily,—Therefore,

Be it ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so organizing the office of justices of the peace, as that their compensation may be fixed, and their independence in office thereby secured.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the resolution submitted by *Mr. Presstman*, on the 26th ultimo, and amended on the motion of *Mr. Grason*, by striking all after the word “resolved” and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“That the standing committees of this Convention shall present such parts of a new constitution, as it may be their duty to propose, without accompanying the same with a written report;”

The question before the Convention being upon the resolution as amended:

On the question being put,

“Will the Convention adopt the said resolution as amended?” it was

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of *Mr. Stewart* of Baltimore city,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Morgan, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Dalrymple, Buchanan, Bell, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Hicks, Hodson, Phelps, McLane, Grason, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Mc-