

inquire into the expediency of engrafting upon the Constitution some provision restricting future Legislatures from the passage of any laws imposing pecuniary penalties for misdemeanors, which shall, in any wise, enure to the benefit of the informer.

On motion of Mr. Dent, it was

Ordered, That committee, No. 14, inquire into the expediency of reporting some constitutional enactment, by authority of which the future Legislatures of the State, shall have power to pass laws providing for the removal of the free colored population from the State of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Randall, it was

Resolved, That the committee to consider and report respecting the Elective Franchise, inquire into the expediency of requiring that persons hereafter naturalized, shall remain in this State one year after naturalization before they shall be entitled to vote at any election.

On motion of Mr. Smith,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, December 13th, 1850.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same members as on yesterday.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, chairman of the committee on the Elective Franchise, submitted the following

REPORT:

The committee on the Elective Franchise beg leave to report the following articles:

Section 1. That every free white male person who shall have been a citizen of the United States for thirty days—and a resident of this State for one year next preceding the election, and of the county for six months, shall be entitled to vote in the election district in which he shall reside, in all elections hereafter to be held; and at all such elections, the votes shall be taken by ballot and not viva voce.

Sec. 2. That if any person shall give any bribe present or reward, or any promise or any security for the payment or delivery of any money, or any other thing to obtain or procure a vote for any candidate proposed or voted for as elector of President and Vice President of the United States, or Representative in Congress, or for any office of profit or trust now created or hereafter to be created by the constitution or laws of this State,