

tion of this constitution, and on the same day in every year thereafter, unless the Governor shall, in the interim, convene the Legislature by proclamation, and that the sessions shall terminate on or before the twentieth day of March in each and every year hereafter.

Which was read.

Mr. Presstman, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that in jury trials a less number than the whole shall find a verdict in civil cases.

Which was read.

Mr. Presstman, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Legislative committee inquire into the expediency of vesting in the Mayor and city Council of Baltimore, certain powers to carry into effect objects of a local character without the interference of the Legislature, and more especially as relates to police regulations, opening and closing streets, collecting taxes for city purposes, &c.

Which was read.

Mr. Weems, submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on the Free Colored Population be requested to inquire into the expediency of engraving upon the constitution a provision obliging all free negroes or mulattoes to hire themselves to some white person by the year.

Which was read.

Mr. Davis, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be referred to committee No. 14, to inquire into the expediency of reporting a constitutional provision to punish by fine and imprisonment, any member of Congress from this State, or member of the State Legislature; or any person holding any office of trust or profit under the laws or constitution of Maryland: who upon conviction by indictment, shall be found guilty of receiving any fee, compensation or reward of any kind or nature whatsoever; for advocating before either branch of the State Legislature, or any member of the same: any claim which any person or persons may have, or set up against the State: the said offence being deemed a high misdemeanor.

Which was read.

The President laid before the Convention a report from the clerk to the commissioners of tax for Montgomery county, in relation to fees paid the Attorney General and his Deputies.

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee appointed on the Attorney General and his Deputies.

The President also laid before the Convention the following communication from His Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania.