

tention of the Convention to a letter from him contained in a newspaper, which accompanied his communication.

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

On motion of Mr. Parke, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that the absence of Mr. Ege, from the Convention, is occasioned by the serious illness of a member of his family.

On motion of Mr. Chandler, it was

Resolved, That the unanimous thanks of this Convention, be tendered to the Hon. Alexander Randall, for the very satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Chair, during the absence of the President.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the Executive Department inquire into the expediency of incorporating into the constitution the following articles :

SECTION 1. The Supreme Executive power of this State shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be styled the Governor of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. The first election for Governor, in pursuance of this Constitution, shall be held at the same time and places of electing electors of President and Vice President of the United States in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and at the same time and places in every fourth year thereafter; and every free white male citizen, possessing the legal qualifications of electors of this State, shall be entitled to vote for Governor.

SEC. 3. The returns of every election for Governor, until otherwise provided by Law, shall be made out, sealed up, and transmitted to the seat of Government, and directed to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who shall, during the first week of the next session of the Legislature thereafter, open and publish them in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature; and the person having the highest number of legal votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be declared by the Speaker, under the direction of the Legislature, to be Governor; but if two or more persons shall have the highest, and an equal number of votes, one of them shall be immediately chosen Governor by joint vote of both Houses of the Legislature. Contested elections for Governor shall be determined by both Houses of the Legislature.

Sec. 4. The Governor shall hold his office for the term of four years from the first Monday of January eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and for the same term, and from the same day, in every fourth year thereafter, and until his successor shall be duly qualified.

SEC. 5. No person who shall be hereafter elected Governor of this State, in pursuance of the provisions of this Constitution, and shall act as such, shall be again eligible until, and after the expiration of the next succeeding six years; he shall be, at least, thirty years of age, a native born citizen of the United States, a citizen of this State for ten consecutive years and an actual resident of the Guber-