

other duties as may be required of him by law. He shall receive as compensation for his services, such sum per annum, as the Legislature may by law allow, but which shall neither be increased or diminished during the term for which he shall have been appointed.

SEC. 23. The Governor shall, in no case whatever, have the power to remit any portion of the principal or interest of any debt or debts which may be due to this State, except in cases of fines and forfeitures.

SEC. 24. Nominations to fill all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Senate, and which the Governor has the power to make, shall be made to the Senate at least twenty days before the end of the next session thereafter; and should any nomination so made, be rejected by the Senate, the same individual shall not again be nominated during the session, except at the request of the Senate, to fill the same office; nor be appointed to the same office during the recess of the Senate. And should the Governor fail to make nominations to fill any vacancy existing during the session of the Senate, which vacancy may have occurred during its recess, such vacancy shall not be filled until the next meeting of the Senate.

SEC. 25. A Treasurer and Comptroller of public accounts shall be elected by the joint ballot of both Houses of the Legislature at its January Session eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and at every fourth Session thereafter; and in case of a vacancy in either of said offices during the recess of the Legislature, such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, which appointment shall continue until the close of the next Session of the Legislature thereafter.

SEC. 26. The Governor shall transact all executive business with the officers of Government, Civil and Military, and may require information in writing from the officers of the Executive Department, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

SEC. 27. Whenever the Governor shall with the consent of the Legislature be out of the State in time of War, at the head of any Military force thereof, he shall nevertheless continue Commander-in-Chief of the Military force of the State.

On motion of Mr. Presstman, it was

Ordered, That the Legislative committee inquire into the expediency of adopting a permanent and uniform system of taxation, for State purposes, and that provision be therein made to define clearly what are legitimate objects of taxation, to guard carefully against double taxation in any form, to prohibit taxes being levied upon one description of property upon a higher rate than is paid by all other kinds of property, to prohibit any exemptions of property from State or local taxation, unless for religious, charitable or educational purposes—and that taxation shall be made proportionate to the actual value of the property taxed, and that all bonds, mortgages, judgments and other evidences of debt shall not be taxed as personal property, but that any person or