

of the committee on the Elective Franchise, he should submit the following amendment.

“And that the Legislature shall provide for the registration of the names of voters within the State of Maryland, which shall be taken and held as the only evidence of the qualifications of said voters to vote at any election that may hereafter be held in the State.”

Mr. Weems, gave notice that on to-morrow, he should move a reconsideration of the vote of the Convention upon the order submitted by Mr. Thomas on the 8th inst., directing the Secretary to have prepared a map for the use of the Convention, showing the boundaries of the several counties, election districts, &c.

Mr. Merrick, moved to suspend the 21st rule, to enable the Convention to take the vote upon said reconsideration.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Magraw, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to inquire into the progress and probable cost in the execution of the order adopted by the Convention on the 8th inst., in relation to the preparation of a map of the State, and that said committee report to the Convention to-morrow morning.

Which was twice read and adopted.

In pursuance whereof, the President appointed Messrs. Magraw, Weems and Biser, to compose the committee.

Mr. Smith, gave notice that on to-morrow he should move a reconsideration of the vote of the Convention, upon the order submitted by Mr. Stewart, of Caroline, on the 4th inst., that no member or officer of the Convention, shall receive pay for the time that he may be absent from the Convention, except his absence be occasioned by sickness, &c.

Mr. Smith, submitted the following preamble and order :

Whereas, Great inconvenience results from much local Legislation; and whereas, the evil might to a great extent be obviated by giving local Legislative powers to the Levy courts of the several counties.

Therefore, Ordered, That the committee on the Legislative Department inquire into the expediency of making such provision in the constitution, as will secure a uniform system of Levy courts throughout the State, to be elected by the legal voters of each county, to have legislative powers, such as the Legislature in their wisdom may deem right.

Which was twice read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jenifer,

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Chambers of Kent, on the 13th ult., as chairman of the committee on the Elective Franchise, and the amendment pending thereto.

On motion of Mr. Jenifer,

The convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole House upon said report, (Mr. Blakistone being in the Chair,) and