

wholly authorised by this constitution, and prescribe their powers and duties; but their tenure of office, mode of appointment, and the character of their powers and duties shall be uniform throughout the State."

Which was read.

Mr. Merrick, offered as a substitute for said section, the following:

"The Levy courts or Commissioners of the several counties of the State, shall be elected by general ticket and not by districts by the votes of the respective counties, and said commissioners shall exercise such powers and duties only as the Legislature may prescribe, but such powers and duties shall be uniform throughout the State—and the General Assembly may provide for the election or appointment of such other county officers as may be required, and are not provided for by this constitution, and prescribe their powers and duties, but their tenure of office, their powers and duties and mode of appointment shall be uniform throughout the State;"

Which was read.

Mr. Thomas accepted this substitute.

The said amendment having been read,

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, moved to amend said amendment by striking out the words "or commissioners;"

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Crisfield, moved to amend said amendment by striking out the words "Levy Courts, or ;"

Mr. Ridgely, moved to amend said amendment by striking out these words: "The Levy Courts or Commissioners of the several counties of the State," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"That the county authorities now known as levy courts or county commissioners, shall hereafter be styled commissioners, and ;"

This amendment Mr. Thomas accepted.

Mr. Crisfield, withdrew his amendment.

The question then recurred on the adoption of said amendment.

Mr. McMaster, moved to amend said amendment by striking out these words, "by general ticket and not ;"

Mr. Wright, moved the previous question,

Which was not seconded.

Mr. McHenry, moved to amend the 34th section in the report, by inserting after the words "General Assembly," the words "shall pass no special or local act, but," and by filling the blank in the 1st line, with the words "local authorities," also insert before the word "powers" in the second line, the word "additional;"

Determined in the negative.