

The Convention took up for consideration the 24th section of said report, which had been passed over informally, as will be seen by reference to page 374, of Journal.

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

“No Senator or Delegate of the Assembly, if he shall qualify as such, shall hold or execute any office of profit under executive appointment or receive the profit of any office exercised by any other person under executive appointment, during the time for which he shall be elected, except that of Justice of the Peace.”

Which was read.

On the question being put,

“Will the Convention accept said substitute?” it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Stephenson, moved to amend said amendment by inserting after the word “Executive,” the words “or legislative;”

Which amendment Mr. Tuck accepted.

The said amendment was then adopted as amended in place of the 24th section.

Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, moved further to amend said report by adding at the end thereof as an additional section the following :

“It shall be the duty of the General Assembly at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, to regulate by law, the time of holding elections for Senators of the United States, so that the said elections shall not take place earlier than at the regular session of the General Assembly next preceding the commencement of the Senatorial term to be filled, and the said time when so fixed, shall not be altered by any subsequent law;”

Which was read.

Mr. Bowie, moved to amend said amendment by adding at the end thereof the following :

“And it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, to lay off the State into six Senatorial districts, and to pass such laws as will ensure the alternate election of one Senator from each of said districts, as the vacancies therein may respectively occur.”

Pending the question on this amendment,

Mr. Phelps, gave notice of his intention at the proper time that he should move to amend the 23rd section of said report, by adding at the end thereof the following :

“But new counties may be established by the Legislature containing the requisite population composed of parts of two or more counties, whenever a majority of voters in each of said counties shall at any election for delegates to the Assembly, desire such new county to be erected. Provided, that no new county shall