

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day being the report submitted by Mr. Bowie, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary.

The question pending on yesterday being on the amendment offered by Mr. George, as the 22nd section of the report.

Mr. Spencer, moved the Convention reconsider their vote on the 21st section of the report.

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Spencer, then moved to strike out the first branch of the amendment offered by Mr. Stephenson, on yesterday, and adopted by the Convention, and to be found on page 716 of Journal, and to substitute in lieu of said amendment the following :

“The Legislature at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, shall fix the number of Justices of the Peace and Constables for each of the wards of the city of Baltimore, and for each of the election districts of the several counties of this State, who shall be elected by the voters thereof respectively.

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The amendment offered by Mr. Stephenson, on yesterday, to the 21st section, and adopted by the Convention, and to be found on pages 718 and 719 of Journal, was amended by inserting after the word “occur,” these words “or the city council of Baltimore, as the case may be;”

The said 21st section was then adopted as amended.

The question then recurred on the amendment as offered by Mr. George, on yesterday, for 22nd section ;

Mr. George, with the consent of the Convention, withdrew said amendment.

Mr. Brent of Balt. city, moved to reconsider the vote of the Convention adopting the 21st section ;

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Brent of Balt. city, then moved to amend the 21st section of the report, by adding at the end thereof the following:

“But it shall be competent for the mayor and city council of Baltimore, to provide by ordinances, from time to time, for the raising and regulation of such temporary additional police or special constabulary force as they may deem necessary and proper ;”

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Blakistone,

Said amendment was amended by adding at the end thereof the words “to preserve the public peace.”

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment as amended ; and

Determined in the affirmative.

The 21st section was then adopted as amended.