

quire that a foreigner shall reside in the State fifteen years, and a native citizen of another State ten years, before he shall be qualified for the office of Governor. If he comprehended the force of the language employed, it certainly called for the term of residence which he had stated. He thought that the proposition of the gentleman would produce the very evil which he had stated it to be his intention to obviate.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr SPENCER.

Mr. GWINN asked the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs Blackistone, President, pro tem., Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Bond, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Sprigg, Spencer, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Stewart, of Baltimore city, and Davis—29.

*Negative*—Messrs Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Sollers, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Lloyd, Dickinson, Colston, Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, McCubbin, Grason, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Jno Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Parke, Cockey and Brown—39.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. GWINN withdrew his amendment.

Mr. BROWN then moved to strike out the 6th section in said report, and substitute in lieu of it the following:

“No person except a citizen of the United States, shall be eligible to the office of Governor, nor shall any person be eligible to that office, who shall not have attained the age of thirty years, and who shall not have been five years next preceeding his election, a resident within this State, and for three years a resident of the district from which he was elected.

The substitute having been read,

Mr. WARE moved for a division of the question on striking out.

Mr. SOLLERS asked the gentleman who moved the amendment, to state the difference between this substitute and the proposition as it stood.

Mr. BROWN explained.

Mr. SOLLERS submitted that the only difference was in the taste and the wording.

Mr. SPENCER submitted that a substantial difference existed; and he explained.

Mr. SOLLERS persisted that there was no substantial difference between the two propositions.

Mr. BROWN asked the yeas and nays, Which were ordered, and,

Being taken, resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Shriver, Biser, McHenry, Magraw, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Slicer, Parke, Cockey and Brown—17.

*Negative*—Messrs. Blackistone, President pro tem., Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Bond, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Lloyd, Dickinson, Colston, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Sprigg, McCubbin, Spencer, Grason, McMaster, Fooks, Gaither, Annan, Sappington, Hardcastle, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Dirickson and Hollyday—46.

So the Convention refused to strike out the sixth section.

The sixth section was then adopted.

The seventh section of the report was read as follows:

*Sec. 7.* In case of death or resignation of the Governor, or of his removal from the State, the General Assembly if in session, or if not, at their next session, shall by joint ballot elect some other qualified resident of the same district, to be the Governor for the residue of the term for which said Governor had been elected.

Mr. GRASON moved to amend the said section, by striking out in the 3d line “by joint ballot,” and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, “by the joint vote.”

The seventh section as amended, was then adopted.

The eighth section of the report was then read as follows:

*Sec. 8.* And in case of any vacancy in the office of Governor during the recess of the Legislature, the President of the Senate shall discharge the duties of said office till a Governor is elected by the two Houses; and in case of the death or resignation of said President, or of his removal from the State, or of his refusal to serve, then the duties of said office shall, in like manner, and for the same interval, devolve upon the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the Legislature may provide by law for the case of impeachment or inability of the Governor, and declare what person shall perform the executive duties during such impeachment or inability; and for any vacancy in said office, not herein provided for, provision may be made by law, and if such vacancy should occur without such provision being made, the Legislature shall be convened by the Secretary of State for the purpose of filling said vacancy.

Pending this section—

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, March 11, 1851.

The Convention met at ten o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

The roll was called, and the journal of yesterday was read.