

which shall be approved by the Treasurer of the State, and which shall not be changed without his consent.

The article having been read—

Mr. HOWARD said, he merely desired to remark that gentlemen should reflect upon this proposition as having only one object in view, and that was, to prevent internal improvement companies from underbidding each other.

On motion of Mr. BLAKISTONE, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal that Mr. Dent, of St. Mary's, has been called home by the death of one of his children.

A NEW COUNTY.

Mr. FIERY presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying that a new county be erected, to be composed of the south western portion of Frederick and south eastern portion of Washington counties, composing the election districts of Jefferson, Petersville, Middletown and Catoctin districts, in Frederick county, and Sharpsburg and all of Pleasant Valley in Washington county.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Fiery, referred to the committee on New Counties.

THE CASE OF MITCHELL.

Mr. SOLLERS said, he rose to offer an order not exactly connected with the duties for which the Convention had assembled, but which was of so much importance to the people whom they all represented, that it should be adopted.

The order was read, as follows:

Ordered, That the Governor be requested (if in his opinion it be compatible with the public interest) to cause to be transmitted to this Convention, copies of all papers and documents in relation to the case of the requisition of James S. Mitchell by the Governor of Pennsylvania.

The question was taken, and the order was adopted.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, said he had yesterday given notice of a motion to reconsider the vote by which the Convention had adopted the substitute offered by the gentleman from Queen Anne's (Mr. Grason) for the proposition of the gentleman from Frederick, (Mr. Johnson.) Subsequently, a vote was taken adopting that substitute as a part of the constitution. He presumed that before the first could be reconsidered, it would be necessary that the vote last taken should be reconsidered. He therefore gave notice that he should at the same time move a reconsideration of the last as well as of the first vote.

The notice was entered on the Journal.

CORPORATIONS.

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city, offered the following order, which, after a little conversation, was adopted:

Ordered, That the committee on Corporations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting an article requiring all rail

road or canal companies to charge an uniform price or rate of toll, for the transportation of passengers or freight, so that no discrimination shall take place.

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Grason, as chairman of the committee on the Executive Department.

The pending question was on the substitute heretofore offered by Mr. Grason for the second section of the report, and which substitute was as follows:

Sec 2. The first election for Governor, under this constitution, shall be held on the first Wednesday in November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and —, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, at the places of voting for delegates to the General Assembly; and every person qualified to vote for delegates shall be qualified and entitled to vote for Governor, the election to be held in the same manner as the election of delegates, and the returns thereof, under seal, to be addressed to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and enclosed and transmitted to the Secretary of State, and delivered to the said Speaker at the commencement of the session of the Legislature next ensuing said election.

Mr. GRASON now moved to amend the substitute offered by him on the 8th of March, for the second section of the report, and to be found on page 417 of the Journal, by striking out "first Wednesday of November," and inserting in lieu thereof "first Wednesday of October, in the year 1853."

Mr. G. said he had proposed the first Wednesday of November for the election of Governor, because he had been informed that during his absence the Convention had fixed that day for the election of delegates. He preferred October, because, in the month of November, the polls would not be closed till an hour after sunset. There was now barely time for voters in large and populous districts to give their votes before dark. He should now move to strike out "November" and insert "October." He should also move to fill the blank with 1853, for reasons which he would now explain to the Convention. There was a disposition to fix the year 1852 for the first election of Governor, in order that the election of that officer and the President of the United States might always hereafter be held at the same time. The object was to mingle the national and State elections, and there was a wide difference of opinion as to the wisdom of such a policy. Those who wished to see our State elections influenced by national politics would of course oppose his amendment, but he nevertheless hoped that a majority of the Convention would be in favor of separating, as far as it could be done, the election of the Governor of the State from the questions that are continually agitating the Union. In the 5th section, the same question arises in a different form: that is, as to the time the present Gov-