

Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Sellman, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Tuck, Sprigg, McMaster, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Brewer, Smith and Cockey—25.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, President; Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Dickinson, McCullough, Miller, Spencer, Hearn, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Gwinn, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Shower and Brown—35.

So the amendment was rejected.

The report having been read through and adopted,

Mr. THOMAS moved that the Convention take up for consideration the report submitted by Mr. JENIFER, chairman of committee No. 14, creating a Board of Public Works.

Mr. BROWN demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered,

And being taken, resulted—yeas 33, nays 28—as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Morgan, Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Sellman, Howard, Welch, Dickinson, McCullough, Miller, Tuck, Spencer, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Gwinn, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Cockey and Brown—33.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, President; Blakistone, Hopewell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Buchanan, John Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Sprigg, McMaster, Hearn, Schley, Fiery, Davis, Slicer, Smith and Shower—28.

So the Convention determined to consider said report.

The report of the committee was then read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. There shall be a Board of Public Works, consisting of three commissioners, who shall be elected as herein provided, and receive a salary to be fixed by law, but not liable to be increased or diminished during their continuance in office.

ART. 2. At the first general election of delegates to the general Assembly after the adoption of this Constitution, these commissioners, as aforesaid, one from the Eastern Shore, and two from the Western Shore, shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State, (the returns of which election shall be made and certified to the Governor,) one of whom shall hold his office for years from the first Monday in the month of November ensuing his election, one for years, and one for years from the same period; and at their first meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall determine, by lot, which of their number shall hold

his office for and years respectively, and thereafter there shall be elected, as aforesaid, at each general election of delegates, one commissioner for the term of years, to be taken in the proportion aforesaid, from the Eastern and Western Shore, and in case of a vacancy in the office of either of the said commissioners, by death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall fill the same until the next general election.

ART. 3. The said commissioners shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision on all public works, in which the State may be interested, as stockholder or creditor; shall represent the State in all meetings of stockholders, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

The substitute therefor, moved by Mr. THOMAS, was read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. At the first general election of delegates of the general assembly after the adoption of this Constitution, four commissioners shall be elected, as hereafter provided, who shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision on all public works, in which the State may be interested, as stockholder or creditor; and shall represent the State in all meetings of the stockholders, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, and shall each receive a salary to be fixed by law, which salary shall not be increased or diminished during their continuance in office.

ART. 2. That one of these commissioners shall be a resident at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident at least years next preceding his election in a district to be composed of the counties of Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll and Baltimore; one of these commissioners shall be a resident, and shall have resided at least years next preceding his election, in a district to be composed of the counties of Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles and Prince Georges; one of these commissioners shall reside at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident at least years next preceding his election in a district composed of the city of Baltimore; and the other commissioner shall reside at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident at least years next preceding his election, of a district to be composed of the counties of Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester.

ART. 3. The said commissioners shall be elected by the qualified voters of their several districts respectively, the returns of their election shall be returned and certified to the Governor, who shall, by proclamation, declare the result of the election. Two of said commissioners shall hold their office for years, and the other two for years from the first Monday of December next succeeding their elections; and at their first meeting after their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall deter-