

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Weems, Bond, Brent of Charles, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Colston, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Chambers of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Sprigg, McCubbin Bowling, Spencer, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Cockey and Brown—68.

*Negative*—Messrs. Grason, George, Magraw, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Hollyday and Shower—13.

So the first branch of the amendment was adopted.

Mr. BUCHANAN, with the consent of the Convention, then withdrew the second and last branch of his amendment.

The eighteenth section of printed report was then read as follows:

Section 18 There shall be a Clerk of each county court, who shall be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters of each county, and who shall hold his office for the term of six years, from the time of his election and until a new election is held, and be re-eligible thereto, subject to removal for wilful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office by presentment of a grand jury and conviction of a petit jury, of the county in which he shall reside. There shall also be a clerk of the court of common pleas, in Baltimore city, who shall also be the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and the registry in chancery of the chancery court of the city of Baltimore; and there shall also be a clerk of the criminal court of Baltimore city, who shall also be the clerk of the police court of Baltimore city, and each of said clerks shall be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters of the city of Baltimore, and shall hold his office for six years from the time of his election and until a new election is held, and be re-eligible thereto, subject, in like manner, to be removed for wilful neglect of duty or other misdemeanor in office by presentment of a grand jury and conviction of a petit jury of said city. In case of a vacancy in the office of a clerk, the judge or judges of the court, of which he was clerk, shall have the power to appoint a clerk until an election can be held, which shall take place under the directions of the sheriff, upon giving thirty days public notice thereof.

Mr. MORGAN moved to amend the section by striking out in the first line these words, "a clerk of each county court," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"In each county a clerk of the circuit court."

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. RICAUD,

The section was further amended by striking out in second line, the words "a plurality vote," and after the word "and" in same line, strike out "who," and insert the following:

"And the person receiving the greatest number of legal votes shall be declared and returned duly elected clerk of said circuit court."

Mr. SHRIVER moved further to amend said eighteen section by striking out in the third line the word "six," and inserting in lieu thereof, "four."

Mr. RICAUD moved for a division of the question, which was taken on striking out.

Mr. SHRIVER demanded the yeas and nays, Which being ordered and taken,

Resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Buchanan, Chandler, Chambers of Cecil, Miller, Shriver, Gaither, Magraw, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, Cockey, and Brown—24

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman Pres't., Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Sellman, Weems, Bond, Brent of Charles, Howard, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Colston, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, McLane, Bowling, Spencer, Grason, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Davis, Kilgour, Waters, Anderson, and Hollyday—56.

So the Convention refused to strike out.

Mr. LEE moved further to amend the 18th section, by inserting after the word "and" in the 4th line, the words "shall not."

The question being taken thereon, it was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. MORGAN,

The 18th section was amended, by striking out in the 8th line, the words "who shall also be the" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and a."

On motion of Mr. MORGAN,

The section was further amended by striking out in the ninth line, the words "and the register in chancery of the chancery court of the city of Baltimore;" also by striking out in eleventh line, the words "who shall be the clerk of the police court of Baltimore city," and inserting after the word "elected" the words "as aforesaid," and striking out the words "a plurality vote"

Mr. STEPHENSON moved further to amend the section by striking out from the word "until" in the nineteenth line, to the end of the section, and inserting in lieu thereof "the general election of delegates held next thereafter, when a clerk shall be elected to fill such vacancy."

Mr. McHENRY moved to amend the amendment, by striking out the words "of delegates."

Mr. BROWN. What general election is it?

Mr. McHENRY. I understand that there will be an annual election. I do not wish the clerk