

more than five hundred votes have been cast in any election district, it shall be the duty of the existing board of commissioners for the county in which such district may be situated, to divide the same into two others in the manner above prescribed.

*Sec. 4th.* The commissioners of the respective counties shall, on or before the first day of June in each year, designate three justices of the peace, in and for each election district, to serve as judges of all elections to be holden in such district, until the same period of the following year.

*Sec. 5th.* There shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county, on the first Wednesday of November eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and every two years thereafter a county treasurer, whose duties be the same as those of the treasurer of Baltimore county now are, or as may be hereafter be prescribed by law.

*Sec. 6th.* The county commissioners shall fill all vacancies occurring in their own number or in the subordinate county officers, not otherwise provided for herein, until the expiration of their respective terms of office.

*Sec. 7th.* The county commissioners shall fix the rates of compensation for all the county and local officers within their respective jurisdiction, but no alteration in these rates, made after the election of any such officer, shall take effect until after the expiration of the term for which he had been elected.

*Sec. 8th.* On the first Wednesday in November, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, the qualified voters of each election district in the State shall elect one person as supervisor of roads, one person as assessor and one person as tax collector for said district. The term of office of the supervisors, assessors and tax collectors shall commence on the first day of January succeeding their election, and continue for two years thereafter, or until their successors shall have qualified. The powers and duties of supervisors, assessors, and tax collectors shall be such as these now are, or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

*Sec. 9th.* All city, town and village officers, whose election or appointment is not provided for in this Constitution, shall be appointed according to the provisions of the charters of such cities and towns, or the acts of Assembly now in force. But the Legislature may modify and alter said charters and acts so as to render the same uniform throughout the State, and to confer on the corporate authorities of such cities and towns, and in the officers of such villages additional powers of local legislation and administration.

*Sec. 10th.* It shall be the duty of the city council of Baltimore, at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, and every tenth year thereafter, to provide for a new division of said city into twenty wards, compact in form and nearly as may be equal in population. Each of such wards shall be subdivided by the same authority into two election districts. And whenever at any election held thereafter, more than seven hundred and fifty votes shall appear to

have been cast in any such election district, the city council shall at its next ensuing session, provide for the further sub-division of the same into two other election districts.

*Sec. 11th.* For each election district in the city of Baltimore, the Mayor, by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint, on or before the first day of June in each year, three persons who shall be Justices of the Peace, if there be any such residing within said district, to act as Judges of all elections to be holden therein, until the same period of the following year. Any vacancies in offices of Judges of election in said city may be filled by the Mayor alone.

*Sec. 12th.* The legislature may declare the cases in which any office shall be deemed vacant, where no provision is made for that purpose in this Constitution.

*Sec. 13th.* Provision shall be made by law for the removal for mis-conduct, malfeasance in office of all officers, (except judicial,) and also for supplying all vacancies in office not herein provided for.

*Sec. 14th.* When the duration of any office is not provided for by this Constitution it may be declared by law, and if not so declared, such office shall be held during the pleasure of the authority making the appointment.

Two o'clock, p. m., having arrived,  
The Convention took a recess until 4 o'clock, p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 8th, 1851.

The Convention met according to order, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

And resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the Judiciary.

The question pending was on the following amendment, offered by

Mr. BOWIE on the 6th inst., to the substitute offered by Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city, for the 12th section of the report.

"And the said court shall also have exclusive jurisdiction as a court of law over all cases of misdemeanors, *quo warranto* of appeal from the decision of commissioners, for the opening of streets in the city of Baltimore, of petitions for freedom, and petitions to cancel or enforce contracts of apprenticeship, of all issues from the Orphans' court of Baltimore city, and from the Superior court, and shall also have jurisdiction over all other controversies proper to be decided in a court of law, which have not heretofore been assigned to the court of Common Pleas, and the said court as incidental to its powers as a court of law, is hereby vested with full power and authority, to cause a jury to be summoned whenever a jury may be required for the business of said court."

The question being on the amendment,  
On motion of Mr. GWINN,

The Convention was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city,