

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Raudall, Sellman, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Bell, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Tuck, McCubbin, Bowling, Spencer, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Thomas, Annan, Stephenson, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, and Shower—58

*Negative*—Messrs. Dent, Wells, Sollers, Brent of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Constable, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Sprigg, Grason, George, Wright, Jacobs, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Magraw, Brent of Baltimore city, Pressman, Parke, and Brown—26.

So the first branch of the article was adopted. The question was then taken on the second branch of the article, and determined in the affirmative.

Mr. McLANE moved that the Convention take up for consideration the report submitted by him as chairman of the committee on the Treasury Department, on the first of February.

Mr. BOWIE moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. BOWIE moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays, which being ordered, appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Bond, Sollers, Brent of Charles, Merrick, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, Williams, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, McMaster, Neill, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—28.

*Negative*—Messrs. Donaldson, Dorsey, Sellman, Dalrymple, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Colston, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Constable, McLane, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Dirickson, Hearn, Fooks, Thomas, Shriver, Johnson, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—59.

So the Convention refused to lay the motion on the table.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. McLANE, to take up for consideration the report submitted by him as chairman of the committee on the Treasury Department, and determined in the affirmative.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the report.

The first article of the report was read.

Mr. McLANE proceeded to explain the general

object of the bill. It had seemed to be the general opinion of the Convention from the commencement of the session, that some specific organization of the Treasury Department was indispensably necessary. There seemed also to be an opinion that the interests of the State were at present exceedingly insecure. It was almost a miracle that Maryland had not suffered the consequences which had resulted elsewhere from a similar system. The committee had looked to the experience of other States, in which similar evils had existed, for which remedies had been applied.

They had looked to the operation of the Treasury system of the United States. In twenty-three States out of the thirty-one, it had been found necessary to provide, in addition to the Treasurer, for a Comptroller or some similar officer. The committee had provided for a Comptroller and Treasurer, dividing all the duties between those two officers. The committee had required all the transfers to be made at Annapolis. This plan had been amply tested by the government of the United States, which with a debt, sometimes of \$200,000,000, had all its transfers made in the city of Washington. He was satisfied that no inconvenience would result from this change, and it would give increased safety.

Mr. BOWIE moved to amend said report, by striking out after the word "Comptroller," in first article, second line, these words, "chosen by the qualified electors of the State at each election of the members of the House of Delegates, and shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars, also of," and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

"Who shall be the Governor of the State for the time being, and"

Mr. SPENCER wished to inquire the cost to the people of Maryland, of the office of Commissioner of Loans; an office which would be got rid of by the new plan. He understood that enormous sums were paid in London every year, as commission for the payment of the interest of the debts of the State, while a large portion of that debt was actually paid in this country. He wished to be informed upon this point also.

Mr. McLANE said:

That the Commissioner of Loans received no salary. He was the officer of some bank, and the money was deposited with him, and the bank had the use of it; and for the use of this money, the Commissioner of Loans superintended the transfer of the bonds, and paid the interest upon the presentation of the coupons. In the mean time, the money was in his hands without any control. He supposed also, that the sums of money now paid to foreign agents, might, under a well advised system, be entirely saved to the State. Under the management of a judicious Comptroller, it ought to be saved. The Government of the United States paid no such commission under its system. The system had grown up from a desire upon the part of the State, to have its bonds in a foreign market. He was opposed to the amendment of the gentleman from Prince George's; for the Governor of the State