

all other duties that shall be prescribed by law.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The PRESIDENT announced the order of the day, being the unfinished business of yesterday, being the article upon appointment, tenure of office, &c.

Mr. HEBB moved to suspend the rules, and postpone all prior orders, in order to take up the article on future amendments to the constitution.

The motion was agreed to.

The report was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays under the rules—yeas 51, nays 24—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Markey, McComas, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—51.

Nays—Messrs. Belt, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Duvall, Gale, Harwood, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Peter, Turner, Wilmer—24.

When his name was called,

Mr. CLARKE said: I was not here when the report was under consideration, and had intended to offer some amendments to it, embodying my views with reference to the amendment of the constitution. My own idea is embraced in the provision inserted in the bill of rights, that the people have the right at all times to amend their form of government. I believe a provision should have been inserted giving the power to the legislature at any time to submit the question to the people whether a convention shall be called. It has passed the limit when that can be done; and I can only assign my reason for voting against the article, that I think it limits the rights of the people in an unwarrantable manner. I vote "no."

CIVIL OFFICERS.

On motion of Mr. DANIEL,

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee to consider and report respecting the appointment, tenure of office, duties and compensation of all civil offices not embraced in the duties of other standing committees; the third section

of which report was upon its second reading, as follows:

STATE LIBRARIAN.

Section 3. The State librarian shall be elected by joint vote of the two branches of the legislature for four years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. His salary shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum. He shall perform such duties as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law. The amendments previously moved had all been rejected.

Mr. STIRLING moved to strike out "four" before "years," and insert "two," so as to make the term of office "two years," as in the present constitution.

Mr. CLARKE. I believe this is one of the few unanimous reports. I will merely state the reasons which induced the change. The office of librarian is one which requires some little training in the opinion of the committee. Members of the bar find from their intercourse with him that when we have a new librarian it requires five or six months for a green hand to become familiar with the books and the proper purchases to be made, and the duties of the office. The committee therefore thought that by extending the term, they would secure a better fulfilment of the duties of the office of librarian, for he would have the time to become thoroughly acquainted with the duties of the office, and especially members of the bar would find more facilities than they would otherwise have. The court of appeals find that whenever there is a change in the office of librarian, for some months there are difficulties attending the discharge of his duties; but after he has been there for some time, the duties are better discharged. For these reasons the committee made the change.

Mr. DANIEL demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 32, nays 43—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Cunningham, Ecker, Galloway, Harwood, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, King, Lee, Markey, McComas, Murray, Parran, Pugh, Robinette, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Turner, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—32.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Barron, Belt, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Farrow, Gale, Greene, Hatch, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, Lansdale, Larsh, Marbury, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Peter, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Valliant—43.

The amendment was accordingly rejected.