

Hollyday, King, Lansdale, Marbury, Miller, Ridgely, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling—13.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Brown, Clark, Cunningham, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Scott, Sneary, Stockbridge, Todd—35.

When his name was called,

Mr. PETER said: The reason why I did not vote upon this question when a division was called, was because I hoped to see something introduced into this constitution which would enable the commissioners themselves to regulate the internal matters of the counties, such as roads, appropriations for local matters, appertaining to the particular counties. As no such amendment has been offered, still hoping that such an amendment may be offered, I will vote "no."

No quorum voting,

On motion of Mr. PURNELL,
The Convention adjourned.

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY.

SATURDAY, August 6, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Belt, Brooks, Brown, Cunningham, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Haich, Hebb, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, King, Lansdale, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, Miller, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—54.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. WOODEN,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Dr. John Swope is detained from his seat in this convention by sickness in his family.

APPOINTMENT, TENURE OF OFFICE, &C.

The convention resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on appointment, tenure of office, &c., of civil offices.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The fourth section was on its second reading, and was read, as amended, as follows:

Section 4. The county authorities, now known as county commissioners, shall be

styled, "county commissioners," and shall be elected by general ticket, and not by districts, by the voters of the several counties, on Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year 1865, and on the same day in every second year thereafter; said commissioners shall exercise such powers and perform such duties only as the legislature may from time to time prescribe; but such powers and duties shall be similar, and the tenure of office uniform throughout the State, and the legislature shall have power to pass such laws as may be necessary for determining the number for each county, fixing the salary, and ascertaining and defining the powers, duties and tenure of office of said commissioners; and the commissioners elected under this constitution shall have and exercise all the powers and duties in their respective counties, now exercised by the county commissioners under the laws of the State, and they shall receive the same salary, and their present number in the several counties shall remain the same until changed by law.

The pending question was on the adoption of the following amendment submitted by Mr. RIDGELY:

In the eighth line, strike out the words "but such powers and duties shall be similar, and the tenure of office uniform throughout the State."

Mr. RIDGELY. I withdraw the amendment. It is evident that the house will not pass it, and I do not wish to take up the time with it.

Mr. PURNELL. I have an amendment to offer, the objects of which I think are such as deserve the consideration of the convention. Whether I have been fortunate enough to present them in a proper form will be for the determination of the body. I move to amend by inserting after the word "thereafter," in line eight, the following:

"Provided, however, that immediately after the commissioners shall have convened after their election under this constitution, they shall be divided by lot, into two classes, as nearly equal in number as may be—the commissioners of the first class go out of office at the expiration of two years, and commissioners shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, for the term of four years, to supply their places, so that, after the first election, one-half of the commissioners may be chosen every second year; provided, that in no case shall any commissioner be placed in a class which shall entitle him to serve for a longer term than that for which he was elected; in case the number of commissioners be hereafter increased in any of the counties of this State, such classification of the additional commissioners shall be made as to preserve as nearly as may be an equal number in each class."

The object of this amendment is that we