

conform to our work in other respects, I move to strike out the last part of it, as follows:

"But the tenure of office and mode of appointment of all county officers shall be uniform, and their powers and duties shall be similar throughout the State."

The sheriff is a county officer, but you do not propose that he shall be appointed by county commissioners.

Mr. MILLER. That is "otherwise provided for."

Mr. SCOTT. I think we better strike this out.

The question being taken on the motion to strike out, it was agreed to.

Mr. DANIEL. I move to insert before the words "powers and duties," the words "tenure of office;" so that it will read, "and prescribe their tenure of office, powers and duties."

The question being taken upon the amendment, it was adopted.

No further amendment being offered to this section, section nine was read as follows:

"Section 9. All persons holding any office under article seven of the present constitution, whether by appointment or election, and whose offices are not abolished by this constitution, shall continue to hold their respective offices for the periods for which they have been elected or appointed, and until their successors shall be duly elected or appointed, and shall qualify according to law."

Mr. HEBB. This section is only applicable to persons holding office under article seven of the present constitution. There is in the old constitution a provision which extends not only to officers under article seven but to all officers under the old constitution. I think it better to strike out this section, and the committee to prepare provisions to carry the new constitution into effect, can report a provision for these officers. I therefore move to strike out this section.

The question being taken, the motion to strike out was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT announced that the second reading of the report was concluded, with the exception of the second section, which had been passed over.

Mr. SMITH, of Carroll, moved that the convention adjourn, but withdrew his motion at the request of

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE, who said that he had a report which he desired to make.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Important business will require my presence at home for the greater part of next week. I therefore ask leave of absence.

Leave of absence was accordingly granted.

Mr. BELT. I desire for the first time to ask formal leave of absence from the convention for two or three days of next week.

Leave of absence was accordingly granted.

INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS.

Mr. BELT. I desire so far further to trespass upon the indulgence of the convention to allow me to offer a resolution which, if adopted, will have the effect to strike out a clause in one of the reports made to this convention. I ask to have it read, and go upon the journal, so that in case the matter comes up before I return, this resolution will be in possession of the convention and can be acted upon.

The resolution was then read, as follows:

Whereas, on the 6th day of April, 1864, the same having been the day appointed by law for the election in the city of Baltimore and the several counties, of delegates to this convention, Richard H. Edelen, Esq., a delegate from Charles county, was the State's attorney for the said county, and Henry H. Goldsborough, Esq., a delegate from Talbot county, was on the same day the comptroller of the treasury of the State, and George Earle, Esq., a delegate from Cecil county, was on the same day the clerk of the court of appeals of the State, and Edward W. Belt, Esq., a delegate from Prince George's county, was on the same day the State's attorney for said county, and William H. W. Farrow, Esq., a delegate from Worcester county, was on the same day the State's attorney for said county, and Frederick Schley, Esq., a delegate from Frederick county, was on the same day a collector of the internal revenue taxes of the United States, and Joseph H. Audoun, Esq., a delegate from Baltimore city, was on the same day a justice of the orphans' court of said city, and John L. Thomas, Jr., Esq., a delegate from Baltimore city, was on the same day the State's attorney for said city, and George A. Thurston, Esq., a delegate from Allegheny county, was on the same day the State's attorney for said county, and George W. Sands, Esq., a delegate from Howard county, was on the same day the State's attorney for said county, and the Rev. Robert W. Todd, a delegate from Caroline county, was on the same day a minister or preacher of the Gospel:

And whereas, none of the said delegates, either before or after said day, did resign said respective offices or employments, and they were thereby, under the constitution and laws of this State, ineligible as delegates to this convention; therefore,

Resolved, That the seats of the aforesaid delegates be, and the same are hereby declared vacant, and the president be, and he is hereby requested, as soon as may be, to take order for the election of delegates to fill said vacancies in the said city and counties respectively, according to law.

The resolution lays over under the rule for a second reading.