

10, and recommend the adoption in lieu thereof of the following sections of the present constitution :

Sec. 7. In case of the death or resignation of the governor, or of his removal from the State, the general assembly, if in session, or if not, at their next session, shall elect some other qualified resident of the same district, to be the governor for the residue of the term for which the said governor had been elected.

Sec. 8. In case of any vacancy in the office of governor during the recess of the legislature, the president of the senate shall discharge the duties of said office till a governor is elected, as herein provided for ; and in case of the death or resignation of said president, or of his removal from the State, or of his refusal to serve, then the duties of said office shall, in like manner and for the same interval, devolve upon the speaker of the house of delegates, and the legislature may provide by law for the case of impeachment or inability of the governor, and declare what person shall perform the executive duties during such impeachment or inability ; and for any vacancy in said office not herein provided for, provision may be made by law, and if such vacancy should occur without such provision being made, the legislature shall be convened by the secretary of State, for the purpose of filling said vacancy.

In other respects the undersigned concur in the report of the majority.

OLIVER MILLER,
C. S. PARRAN.

ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

Mr. BROWN, from the minority of the committee on the elective franchise, submitted the following report :

The minority of the committee not being able to concur in all of the views of the majority, beg leave to submit the following report :

ARTICLE I.

Elective Franchise.

Section 1. Every free white male person of twenty-one years of age, or upwards, who shall have been one year next preceding the election a resident of the State, and for six months a resident of Baltimore, or of any county in which he may offer to vote, and being at the time of the election a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides, in all elections hereafter to be held, and at all such elections the vote shall be taken by ballot. And in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of congressmen, senator, delegate, or other officer or officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city

which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election ; but a person who shall not have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.

Sec. 2. That if any person shall give or offer to give, directly or indirectly, any bribe, present, or reward, or any promise, or any security for the payment or delivery of money, or any other thing to induce any voter to refrain from casting his vote, or forcibly to prevent him in any way from voting, or to obtain or procure a vote for any candidate or person proposed or voted for as elector of President and Vice-President of the United States, or representative in Congress, or for any office of profit or trust created by the Constitution or laws of this State, or by the ordinances or authority of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, the person giving or offering to give, and the person receiving the same, and any person who gives or causes to be given an illegal vote knowing it to be so, at any election to be hereafter held in this State, shall on conviction in a court of law, in addition to the penalties now or hereafter to be imposed by law, be forever disqualified to hold any office of profit or trust or to vote at any election thereafter.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the general assembly of Maryland to pass laws to punish with fine and imprisonment any person who shall remove into any election district or ward of the city of Baltimore, not for the purpose of acquiring a bona fide residence therein, but for the purpose of voting therein at an approaching election, or who shall vote in any election district or ward in which he does not reside, (except in the case provided for in the first article of the Constitution) or shall at the same election vote in more than one election district or ward, or shall vote or offer to vote in any name not his own, or in place of any other person of the same name, or shall vote in any county in which he does not reside.

Sec. 4. Every person elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust under the constitution or laws made pursuant thereto, before he shall enter upon the duties of such office shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation : I, A. B., do swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the constitution and laws thereof, and that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of — according to the constitution and laws of this