

in such a situation as will render it very unpleasant to him, he cares not what may be his threats in regard to the matter. The chair is something like other individuals, not to be intimidated by anything at all.

Mr. MARBURY. I ask leave of the convention to offer the following additional section:

"Sec. —. It shall be the duty of the general assembly, at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, to provide by law that all taxes paid by individuals on slaves emancipated by this constitution, since the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be returned to the persons so paying them."

The PRESIDENT. The chair does not consider that that matter pertains to this report. It is not german in any way.

Mr. DENT. I would submit that a proposition of this character might be entertained under the head of "miscellaneous." A new article might be inserted in the constitution. I only make the suggestion that the gentleman could reach his object in that way, without opening any other article.

The PRESIDENT. It cannot be entertained at this time.

Mr. BELT. The proposition of my colleague (Mr. Marbury) does not look to the incorporation of any permanent policy into the constitution. It does not propose that there shall be a remission of certain taxes year after year. It is but a temporary affair, and therefore I thought it would properly fall within this report upon the schedule, because I understood the schedule was designed to cover these temporary affairs.

Mr. HEBB. It is not customary to introduce any new section to a report, until the report has been read through.

The PRESIDENT. The chair rules the amendment of the gentleman from Prince George's (Mr. Marbury) to be out of order.

Mr. EDELEN. I was cut off, by the operation of the previous question, from introducing an amendment to this section. It is in these words—

The PRESIDENT. The section has been adopted.

Mr. EDELEN. Then I will read it for the information of the convention.

Mr. PUGH. I object to that.

Mr. EDELEN. Then I will offer it as an additional section as follows:

"Sec. —. The obligation of the judges of election to administer the oath required in section two, shall only exist in those cases whenever the vote of the person offering to vote may be challenged."

My reason for introducing it is to meet the view of my friend from Baltimore city (Mr. Daniel.) The whole of his argument was founded upon the sixth section of the convention bill, from which he sought to derive the authority to give us the perfect right to put in here the oath prescribed.

Mr. HEBB. I rise to a point of order. There was no section before the convention when this proposition was offered. The gentleman from Charles (Mr. Edelen) proposes to amend the whole report. Now, in conformity with the uniform decision of the chair, no new section can be introduced until we get through the report.

Mr. MILLER. Several reports have been subdivided into different parts; the judiciary report was so divided. This schedule is divided into several parts—"general provisions," "vote on the constitution," and "soldiers' vote." We are now about concluding that portion of this report which relates to the vote upon the constitution, before we come to the subdivision entitled "soldiers' vote." In the case of the judiciary report, new sections were received at the conclusion of each subdivision. If the new section now proposed is german to the particular subdivision of the report under consideration, it seems to me proper that it should be allowed to come in here.

Mr. HEBB. The gentleman from Charles (Mr. Edelen) proposes to offer an amendment to the whole report, to introduce a new section. My point of order is that there is nothing before the convention until some section is read. We have adopted section two, and that is not any longer before the house.

Mr. PUGH. It has been the custom heretofore to admit new sections under the different subdivisions of a report, but that was because no objection was raised. The idea is that the new section shall be offered after the report is read through, and then it can be put in its proper place, if it is adopted.

The PRESIDENT. The usual course is to admit new sections only after the report has been read through.

Mr. EDELEN. Then I will give notice that at the proper time I will offer this as an additional section.

#### SOLDIERS' VOTE.

The following section was then read:

"Section 1. Any of the qualified voters of this State, who shall be absent from the county or city of his residence, by reason of being in the military service of the United States, so as not to be able to vote at home, on the adoption or rejection of this constitution, or for all State officers elected on general ticket, and for presidential electors, and for members of congress, at the election to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall be entitled to vote at such elections as follows: A poll shall be opened in each company of every Maryland regiment in the service of the United States, or of this State, on the day appointed by this convention, for taking the vote on the new constitution, or on some day not more than five days thereafter, at the quar