

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being

The bill entitled an Act to extend the limits of Baltimore City, by including and annexing a part or portion of Baltimore county in and to the said city, and to provide for taking a vote of the people residing in said part or portion to be so annexed, for or against such annexation.

Said bill being upon a second reading,

Pending which,

Mr. Matthews submitted the following amendment :

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Strike out all of section 2nd, and insert the following :

SECTION 2. *And be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Baltimore county shall appoint three Judges of Election for each election district or portion of each district or precinct to be annexed as herein provided, and the County Commissioners for Baltimore county shall designate the place for holding said elections; and that said elections shall be held on the 5th day of May, 1874. The Judges of Election shall not receive the ballot of any person whose name is not upon the Registration Books, and they must be fully satisfied that each person offering to vote does, at the time of offering to vote, reside within the limits to be annexed, and that he has resided within said limits six months; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of Election to reject the ballot of any person offering to vote, unless fully satisfied that he is entitled to vote upon the question of annexation, and the Return Judges of said portion to be annexed, as herein provided, shall certify the result of such voting to the Governor and to the Clerks of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county and the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and if the highest number of votes of those voting for or against said annexation shall be for annexation, then the said part of Baltimore county, within the bounds and courses described in this Act, shall become and constitute a part or portion of Baltimore City, and the Governor shall issue his proclamation to that effect, and the inhabitants thereof shall thenceforth enjoy all the rights and privileges now held and enjoyed by the citizens of Baltimore City.

Which was read.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment,