

after the figures "807 in line 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

During the present session of the General Assembly two commissioners shall be elected by joint ballot of the two Houses, and as soon as they shall have been qualified by taking and subscribing to the oaths or affirmations, herein before mentioned, they shall cast lots between themselves, and the commissioner whose name shall be first drawn, shall serve from the time of his appointment until the end of two years, from and after the tenth day of March next, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified, and the other of the said commissioners shall serve from the time of his appointment until the end of four years from and after the tenth day of March next, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified, and when the result of the said ballots shall be ascertained, notice thereof shall be given at once to the Governor by the commissioners, in writing, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State."

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Eichelberger submitted the following amendment:

Amend the 4th section by striking out in line 5 the word "eight" first occurring in said line and inserting the word "four" in lieu thereof;

Which was read and adopted.

The bill was read the third time and passed by yeas and nays, as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.	Firey,	Sellman,
Goldsborough, Pt,	Goldsborough, of	Smith,
Denison,	Dorchester,	Waters,
Eichelberger,	Harrison,	Willis—12.
Everett,	Lankford,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Briscoe,	Jenkins,	Watkins,
Heckart,	Townsend,	Whitaker—6.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered a bill entitled, An act for the relief of the families of the Maryland Volunteers;

Which was read the first time, and
Referred to the committee on Finance.

Also, delivered joint resolutions in relation to the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia.