

were of opinion it ought to pass with the following amendments,

Which were read the first time.

Strike out all the bill after the enacting clause to the end of the 23d section, and insert as follows—

“That the term of office of the members of the present Senate shall end and be determined, whenever, and as soon as a new Senate shall be elected, as hereinafter provided; and a quorum of its members shall have qualified, as directed by the constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That at the December session of the General Assembly, for the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and forever thereafter, the Senate shall be composed of twenty-one members, to be chosen as hereinafter provided; a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That at the time and places of holding elections in the several counties of this State, and in the city of Baltimore, for delegates to the General Assembly for the December session of the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and in every sixth year forever thereafter, and under the direction of the same judges by whom such elections for delegates shall be held, an election shall also be held in each of the several counties of this State, and in the city of Baltimore, respectively, for the purpose of choosing a senator of the State of Maryland, for and from such county or said city, as the case may be, whose term of office shall commence on the day fixed by law for the commencement of the regular session of the General Assembly, next succeeding such election and continue for six years, and until the election of a new Senate, and the qualification of a quorum of its members: and at every such election for Senators, every person qualified to vote, at the place at which he shall offer to vote for delegates to the General Assembly, shall be entitled to vote for one person as Senator: and of the persons voted for as Senator, in each of the several counties, and in said city, respectively, the person having the highest number of legal votes, and possessing the qualifications hereinafter mentioned, shall be declared and returned as duly elected for said county or said city as the case may be; and in case two persons possessing the required qualifications shall be found on the final casting of