

striking out all after the word 'government,' in the 2d line thereof, to the end of said section,

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Richardson, moved to amend said amendment by inserting after the 27th section the following.

Sec. 28. And whereas at the last session of the General Assembly of Maryland, a large number of the voters of the State, did petition for the passage of an act authorising the call of a convention for the purpose of remodeling and reforming the constitution of said State—and wheress it is believed that a convention for this purpose would give more satisfaction to the people at large, and allay the excitement which the present unequal constitution has created—and whereas it is the duty of the representatives of the people, to obey the voice of their constituents in all cases where their interests and welfare are vitally interested, and to consult their feelings and wishes where they may not be clearly known—Therefore,

Sec. 29. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the voters of the State be requested and directed at their next election for delegates to the General Assembly, to vote for or against holding a Convention to reform the government of this State—those voting for holding said convention, shall have the word "convention," on their tickets or ballots, and those voting against holding said convention, shall have the words, "no convention" on their tickets or ballots, and the judges of said election, shall accordingly count the numbers of tickets or ballots on which the word "convention," shall be, and the number of tickets or ballots on which the words, "no convention" shall be, and shall make true return of the numbers of said tickets or ballots respectively, distinguishing the one from the other, to the Executive of the State within twenty days after the election, and the said judges shall return in like manner, the said numbers to the clerks of the several county courts to be by them recorded.

Sec. 30. And be it enacted, That any judge or judges who shall neglect or refuse to do and perform the duties, or any of them, required of him by this act, shall be liable to a fine of two thousand dollars, to be recovered by bill and indictment, in the county courts, in the same manner as other fines or forfeitures now are.

Sec 31. And be it enacted, That, if upon counting the ballots or votes, it shall be found that a majority of said votes shall have been given in favor of holding a convention, then, and in that case, it shall be the duty of the next