

buted equally between all the counties of the State without regard to population. Amount for distribution in 1863 was \$38,339.95.

3d. The surplus revenue derived from the General Government, was directed by the Act of 1836, chapter 220, section 4, to be distributed to the different counties of the State "in the same manner and proportion as the School Fund is now distributed," which has been interpreted by the Treasurer to be one-half in proportion to white population, the other half equally divided between all the counties.

The amount of interest for annual distribution arising from this fund is \$34,069.36.

4th. The "Common Free School Fund," arising from money received from the General Government, for advances made in the prosecution of the war of 1812 and the interest thereon, was ordered by the Act of 1858, chapter 95, to be distributed to the different counties of the State, in proportion to their representation in the two Houses of the Legislature.

The amount of interest for annual distribution arising from this fund is \$10,413.54.

After mature consideration of the subject, your committee do not deem it advisable to interfere with, or change the laws by which the present distribution is made.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS ARCHER,

JOHN B. PEARCE,

ISAAC YOUNG.

Which was adopted.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Order of the Day, being a bill entitled, "An Act to provide for taking the sense of the people of Maryland, upon the expediency of calling a convention to frame a new Constitution and form of Government for the State, and to provide for the election of delegates to said convention;"

Was taken up.

Said bill being upon its second reading.

Mr. Murray, of Baltimore city, offered the following amendment:

SECTION 1. Amend line 2, so as to read, after the word "the" "twenty-third day of March next;"

Which was rejected.