

Mr. Carroll moved to strike out the 1st, 2d and 3d sections, after the words "general assembly of Maryland," to wit:

"That on the first Monday of October, in the year eight hundred and twenty-six, and on the same day in every fifth year thereafter, the clerks of the several county courts, and registers of wills for the several counties in this state, shall be elected in each county by ballot, and commissioned in the same manner as sheriffs are elected and commissioned. Sec 2. And be it enacted, That in case of the death, refusal to serve, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, of any of the persons elected as aforesaid, the vacancy thereby occasioned, shall be filled in the same manner as is prescribed by the constitution, with regard to the office of sheriff. Sec 3. And be it enacted, That no person shall be eligible as clerk of a county court, or register of wills, but a citizen of the United States, having resided in the state of Maryland, not less than three years, and not less than one year in the county where in he shall be elected."

For the purpose of inserting the following: "That the term of service of every register of wills shall expire and be at an end on the second Monday of January, 1827, and the term of service of every clerk of the county court shall expire and be at an end on the last day of the session of that county court of which he is clerk, and which shall be held next immediately succeeding the second Monday of January as aforesaid. And be it enacted, That the registers of wills, and clerks of the county courts, shall continue in office for the term of four years after their appointment, and no longer; provided that the appointment of the clerks of the county courts shall be dated from the time of their appointment by the judges of their respective county courts and provided also that nothing herein contained shall operate to prevent the reappointment of any register of wills or clerk of the county court. And be it enacted, That no recommendation of any person for the office of register of wills shall hereafter be made by the senate and house of delegates, but that the governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the council, appoint and commission the registers of wills for the several counties of the state. And be it enacted, That no person shall be appointed a register of wills, or clerk of the county court, but a citizen of the United States, having resided in the state three years, and in the county for which he shall be appointed one year next preceding his appointment. And be it enacted, That the registers of wills and clerks of the county court shall be subject, during the term of their appointment, to removal, only for misbehaviour upon conviction in a court of law"

On motion by Mr Brown, "four years" was stricken out of the 2d section in the amendment.

Questions were put on filling up the same with "15, 13, 12, 10, 8, 7, and 6 years," and severally negatived. The blank was then filled up with "5 years"

Mr. Millard moved to strike out the words "twenty-seven," after the words "eighteen hundred and," to insert the words "ninety seven." A division of the question was called for and put on striking out. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative.—Messrs Speaker, Hawkins, Gough, Kilgour, Millard, Parran, John Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Shower, Worthington, Price, Dennis, Jones, Sullivan, Travers, Henderson, Peach, Speed, Parker, Farquhar, Barwick, Brown, Boon, Willson, Beall, Lee, M'Mahon.—29.

Negative.—Messrs Harris, M'Clean, Ireland, Hodges, Beckett, Turner, Bennett, Reyner, Teackle, King, Ewing, Grubb, R C Edelen, Carroll, Nicholson, Wright, Barnes, Cromwell, Kemp, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Montgomery, Hardcastle, Bowles, Fouke, White, Merrick, Klipstine.—29.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. McMahan, the question was put, That the bill and amendments be referred to the next general assembly?

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

Affirmative.—Messrs Speaker, Hawkins, Gough, Kilgour, Millard, Parran, J Edelen, Chapman, Rogerson, Garner, Shower, Worthington, Price, Bennett, Reyner, Dennis, Jones, Sullivan, Travers, Henderson, Peach, Speed, Parker, Farquhar, Barwick, Brown, Willson, Beall, Lee, M'Mahon.—30

Negative.—Messrs Harris, M'Clean, Ireland, Hodges, Beckett, Turner, Teackle, King, Ewing, Grubb, R C Edelen, Carroll, Nicholson, Wright, Barnes, Cromwell, Kemp, Hope, Norris, Jarrett, Montgomery, Hardcastle, Boon, Bowles, Fouke, White, Merrick, Klipstine.—28 Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution relative to the commissioners to settle the western bounds of this state was reconsidered, and on motion by Mr. M'Mahon, the whole stricken out, and the following inserted:

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and requested, to determine the amount of compensation due to the commissioners appointed under the act of 1818, chap 206, to adjust and define the western boundary line, and to all sub-agents employed in carrying that law into effect, not exceeding the sum of four dollars per diem for their personal services, and to audit and ascertain the monies due on the accounts of expenditures necessarily or properly incurred by said commissioners, including the compensation due to them, or those employed to assist them, in carrying such law into effect, the expenses incurred by the lamented death of one of the commissioners, and all incidental expenses which they may deem necessary or proper, and to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the amount of such accounts and expenditures, in favour of those entitled to, or who may have paid the same; and the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required, to pay the amount of such drafts out of any unappropriated money in the treasury; and that the governor and council be requested to lay before the next general assembly a detailed statement of the amount of the expenditures in carrying such law into effect, as ascertained and drawn for by them, in which they shall specify the causes of expenditure, and the persons in whose favour they may draw under this resolution.

The resolution was then assented to.

On the second reading of the bill to alter and amend such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the election of the council to the governor.

Mr. Chapman moved to insert the following, "And be it enacted, That there shall be a lieutenant governor, who shall be elected at the same time, in the same manner, and shall be possessed of the same qualifications, as the governor" Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Worthington moved the following as an additional section: "And be it enacted, That the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall nominate and appoint the chancellor and judges