

*Sec. 22nd.* No extra compensation shall be granted or allowed by the General Assembly to any public officer, agent, servant, or contractor after the services shall have been rendered, or the contract entered into, nor shall the salary or compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office.

The twenty-third section of the report was then read as follows :

*Sec. 23rd.* No county now established by law, shall ever be reduced by the establishment of any new county, to a population of less than thousands, nor shall any new county be hereafter established with a population of less thousand.

This section was informally passed over.

The twenty-fourth section of the report was then read, as follows :

*Sec. 24th.* No senator or delegate shall, during the term for which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office in this State, which shall have been created, or the salary or emoluments of which shall have been increased during such term; and no senator or delegate, during the time he shall continue to act as such, shall be eligible to any civil office.

Mr. HARBINE suggested that the gentleman from Prince George's, (Mr. Tuck,) had given notice of an amendment which he intended to offer. [It appeared that Mr. T. had been unexpectedly called from the city by sickness in his family.]

After some conversation,

The section was informally passed over.

The twenty-fifth section of the report was read and adopted, as follows :

*Sec. 25th.* Each House may determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behaviour, and with the consent of two-thirds, expel a member but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.

The twenty-sixth section of the report was read and adopted, as follows :

*Sec. 26th.* Each House may punish by imprisonment, during the session of the General Assembly, any person not a member, for disrespectful or disorderly behaviour in its presence, or for obstructing any of its proceedings, or any of its officers in the execution of their duties; provided, such imprisonment shall not at any one time exceed ten days.

The twenty-seventh section was read, and no amendment having been offered, was adopted, as follows :

*Sec. 27th.* The members of each House shall, in all cases, except treason, felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the sessions of the General Assembly, and in going to and returning from the same, allowing one day for every thirty miles such member may reside from the place at which the General Assembly is convened.

The twenty-eighth section of the report was read and adopted, as follows :

*Sec. 28th.* No senator or delegate shall be lia-

ble in any civil action or criminal prosecution, whatever, for words spoken in debate.

The twenty-ninth section of the report was read, and no amendment having been proposed, was read as follows :

*Sec. 29th.* The House of Delegates may inquire, on the oath of witnesses, into all complaints, grievances and offences, as the grand inquest of the State, and may commit any person, for any crime, to the public jail, there to remain until discharged by due course of law—they may examine and pass all accounts of the State relating either to the collection or expenditure of the revenue, or appoint auditors to state and adjust the same—they may call for all public or official papers and records, and send for persons whom they may judge necessary in the course of their enquiries concerning affairs relating to the public interest, and may direct all office bonds which shall be made payable to the State, to be sued for any breach of duty.

The thirtieth section of the report was read and adopted as follows :

*Sec. 30th.* In case of the death, disqualification, refusal to act, expulsion or removal from the county or district for which he shall have been elected, if any person shall have been chosen as a Delegate or Senator, or in case of a tie between two or more qualified persons, a warrant of election shall be issued by the Governor, or person exercising the functions of Governor for the time being, for the election of a Senator or Delegate, as the case may be, to supply the vacancy, of which not less than ten days notice, exclusive of the day of notice and day of election, shall be given; provided, however, that unless a meeting of the General Assembly may intervene, or the vacancy shall occur during the session of the General Assembly, the election to fill the same shall take place on the day of the ensuing general election.

The thirty-first section of the report was read, and no amendment having been offered, was adopted as follows :

*Sec. 31st.* The senators and delegates shall receive such compensation for their services as may be allowed by law; but no law increasing or diminishing the compensation shall be made to take effect until after the general elections next ensuing the passage thereof. No book or other printed matter not appertaining to the business of the session, shall be subscribed for, for the use of the members, or be distributed among them.

The thirty-second section of the report was read, as follows :

*Sec. 32nd.* No law passed by the General Assembly shall take effect until the expiration of days, from the closing of the sessions at which it may be passed, unless it be expressly declared on the face of the law, that it shall take effect on or after a different day; and no law of a public nature shall take effect until the same shall be published.

Mr. PHELPS moved to fill the blank in the second line with "ninety."

The amendment was agreed to.