

the same office during the recess of the Legislature.

*Sec. 15.* All civil officers appointed by the Governor and Senate, shall be nominated to the Senate within fifteen days from the commencement of each regular session of the Legislature; and their term of office shall commence on the first Monday of May next ensuing their appointment, and continue for one year, (unless they are sooner removed from office,) or until their successors respectively, qualify according to law.

*Sec. 16.* The Governor may suspend or arrest any military officer of the State, for disobedience of orders, or other military offence, and may remove him in pursuance of the sentence of a court martial; and may suspend or remove any civil officer whose tenure of office is not placed beyond his control by some other provision of this Constitution.

*Sec. 17.* The Governor may convene the Legislature or the Senate alone, on extraordinary occasions; and whenever, from the presence of an enemy, or from any other cause, the seat of Government shall become an unsafe place for the meeting of the Legislature he may direct their sessions to be held at some other convenient place.

*Sec. 18.* He shall from time to time, inform the Legislature of the condition of the State and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may judge necessary and expedient.

*Sec. 19.* He shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons, (except in cases of impeachment,) and to remit fines and forfeitures for offences against the State; but shall in every case in which he exercises this power, report to either branch of the Legislature, whenever required, the petitions, recommendations and reasons, which influence his decision.

*Sec. 20.* For contingent expenditures, not provided for by law, he may draw from the treasury such sums of money as the public service may require, provided that the whole amount shall not exceed thousand dollars in any one year; and he shall inform the Legislature, at the commencement of each regular session, of the amount of the sums so drawn, the purposes to which they were applied, and the names of the persons to whom they were respectively paid.

*Sec. 21.* And the Governor shall reside at the seat of government in order that he may constantly attend to the duties of his office, and shall receive for his services an annual salary of four thousand dollars.

*Sec. 22.* The Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall continue in office, unless sooner removed, till the end of the term for which the Governor, appointing him, was elected, or until his successor shall qualify, and shall receive such annual compensation as may be fixed by the Legislature.

*Sec. 23.* And he shall carefully keep and preserve a record of all official executive acts and proceedings, and shall lay the same before either branch of the Legislature whenever required, and shall perform such other duties as may be

prescribed by law, or as may properly belong to his office.

Mr. SPRIGG offered a substitute for the report of the gentleman from Queen Anne's, (Mr. Grason,) which substitute was read as follows:

*Sec. 1.* The supreme executive power of this State shall be vested in a chief magistrate who shall be styled the Governor of the State of Maryland.

*Sec. 2.* The first election for Governor, in pursuance of this constitution, shall be held at the same time and places of electing electors of President and Vice President of the United States in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and at the same time and places in every fourth year thereafter; and every free white male citizen, possessing the legal qualifications of electors of this State, shall be entitled to vote for Governor.

*Sec. 3.* The returns of every election for Governor, until otherwise provided by law, shall be made out, sealed up and transmitted to the seat of government, and directed to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, who shall, during the first week of the next session of the Legislature thereafter, open and publish them in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature; and the person having the highest number of legal votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be declared by the Speaker, under the direction of the Legislature, to be Governor; but if two or more persons shall have the highest, and an equal number of votes, one of them shall be immediately chosen Governor by joint vote of both Houses of the Legislature. Contested elections for Governor shall be determined by both Houses of the Legislature.

*Sec. 4.* The Governor shall hold his office for the term of four years from the first Monday of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and for the same term, and from the same day, in every fourth year thereafter, and until his successor shall be duly qualified.

*Sec. 5.* No person who shall be hereafter elected Governor of this State, in pursuance of the provisions of this constitution, and shall act as such, shall be again eligible until, and after the expiration of the next succeeding six years; he shall be, at least thirty years of age, a native born citizen of the United States, a citizen of this State for ten consecutive years and an actual resident of the gubernatorial district from which he may be taken, three whole years next preceeding his election.

*Sec. 6.* The first Governor elected under the provisions of this constitution, shall be taken from the counties of Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George, Anne Arundel, (including the City of Annapolis,) Montgomery and the City of Baltimore; which said counties and city, shall, together constitute and be known as the First Gubernatorial District; at the second election he shall be taken from the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, which said counties shall, in like manner, together constitute and be known as the Second Gubernatorial District; and at the third election he shall be taken from the counties of Baltimore, Harford, Carroll, Fred-