

members as President for the time being; and if during the vacancy of the office of governor, the lieutenant governor shall die, resign, refuse to serve, or be removed from office, or be unable to serve, or if he shall be impeached, or be absent from the State, the President of the Senate for the time being, shall, in like manner, administer the government until he shall be superseded by a governor, or lieutenant governor. The lieutenant governor shall, whilst he acts as President of the Senate, receive for his services the compensation which shall be allowed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and no more; and during the time he shall administer the government as governor, he shall receive the same compensation which the governor would have received for the same time. The President of the Senate for the time being, shall, in like manner, during the time he shall administer the government receive the same compensation which the governor would have received. If the lieutenant governor shall be required to administer the government, and shall, whilst in such administration, die, resign, or be absent from the State during the recess of the legislature, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to convene the Senate for the purpose of choosing a President for the time being.

Sec. 22. There shall be an Attorney-General of the State, who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and there shall be a Secretary of State, who shall also be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, both of whom shall continue in office during term of service of the Governor, by whom they shall be so appointed; subject nevertheless, to removal for cause, and the Secretary shall keep a fair register of all official acts, and proceedings of the Governor, and shall, whenever required, lay the same and all papers, minutes and vouchers relative thereto, before the Legislature, or either House thereof; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by law. He shall receive as compensation for his services such sum per annum, as the Legislature may by law allow; but which shall neither be increased or diminished during the term for which he shall have been appointed.

Sec. 23. The Governor shall, in no case whatever, have the power to remit any portion of the principal or interest of any debt or debts which may be due to this State, except in cases of fines and forfeitures.

Sec. 24. Nominations to fill all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Senate, and which the Governor has the power to make, shall be made to the Senate at least twenty days before the end of the next session thereafter; and should any nomination so made, be rejected by the Senate, the same individual shall not again be nominated during the session, except at the request of the Senate, to fill the same office; nor be appointed to the same office during the recess of the Senate. And should the Governor fail to make nominations to fill any vacancy existing during the session of the Senate, which vacancy may have occurred during its recess, such vacan-

cy shall not be filled until the next meeting of the Senate.

Sec. 25. A Treasurer and Comptroller of public accounts shall be elected by the joint ballot of both Houses of the Legislature at its January session, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and at every (quarterly) session thereafter; and in case of a vacancy in either of said offices, during the recess of the Legislature, such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, which appointment shall continue until the close of the next session of the Legislature thereafter.

Sec. 26. The Governor shall transact all executive business with the officers of Government, civil and military, and may require information in writing from the officers of the executive department upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

Sec. 27. Whenever the Governor shall, with the consent of the Legislature, be out of the State in time of war, at the head of any military force thereof, he shall, nevertheless, continue Commander-in-Chief of the military force of the State.

The substitute having been read,

The question recurred on the original report of Mr. GRASON, which was taken up by sections.

And the first section was taken up as follows:

Sec. 1. The Executive power of the State shall be vested in a Governor, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next ensuing his election, and continue for three years, or until his successor shall have qualified by taking the oath herein prescribed.

Mr. DORSEY moved to amend said report of the committee on the Executive Department, by inserting after the word "Governor," in the second line, first section, the following:

"To be chosen by an electoral college, consisting of one elector from the city of Baltimore, and one from each of the several counties of the State, which election of Governor shall be by ballot, and the person receiving a majority of all the electoral votes hereby authorized to be given, shall be declared duly elected; and the number of ballots or votes which each elector shall put into the ballot box, shall be as follows: The elector from the city of Baltimore, shall give six votes; from Baltimore county, four votes, from Frederick county, four votes; from Anne Arundel county three votes; from Washington county, three votes; from Allegany county, two votes; Somerset county, two votes; Worcester county, two votes; Prince George's county, two votes; Carroll county, two votes; Harford county, two votes; Cecil county, two votes; Dorchester county, two votes; Charles county, two votes; Montgomery county, two votes; Queen Anne's county, one vote; St. Mary's county, one vote; Talbot county, one vote; Kent county, one vote; Caroline county, one vote; and Calvert county, one vote.

Mr. GRASON made a few remarks, (which will be published hereafter.)

The question was stated to be on the amendment of Mr. DORSEY.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent called for a division of the question so as to allow a distinct vote to be taken as to the mode of electing the Gover-