

been made therein, not affecting any matters erroneously set forth in the Register, was agreed to.

Mr. CRISFIELD presented a petition of Edward Burford, and sixty-two others, citizens of Somerset county, to restrict the issuing of licenses to sell liquor, unless the same be approved by a majority of the voters of the election district, in which the license is to be used.

Mr. RIDGELY presented the petition of seventy citizens of Baltimore county, praying constitutional protection against the sale of spirituous liquor, without the assent of a majority of voters in the neighborhood, and

Mr. WEBER presented a petition signed by one hundred and seventy-two citizens of Allegany county of similar import;

Which were severally read, and

Referred to the select committee already appointed on that subject.

GOVERNOR'S TERM OF OFFICE.

Mr. BUCHANAN rose and said:

He was detained from his seat in the Convention on yesterday from indisposition

He had been informed that, in his absence a vote of the Convention had been taken, establishing quadrennial elections of Governor. To this, Mr. B. said, he was altogether opposed, and if he had been present, would assuredly have voted against the proposition.

One of the great objects of the people, as he understood it, in demanding the convocation of the Convention, was that the terms of services of public functionaries might be abridged rather than enlarged. Mr. B. was in favor of the present term of three years. Mr. B. then gave notice that at the proper time he would move a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday, for the purpose of offering an amendment, providing for election of Governor every three years.

The motion was entered on the journal.

CLERKS, REGISTERS, ETC.

Mr. DAVIS gave notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday, on the first section of the report of the committee on the Legislative Department, and adopted by the Convention, in relation to the fees and perquisites of office, now payable to the Clerks and Registers of the several courts of law and equity, &c.

The motion was entered on the journal.

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the report made by Mr. GRASON, as chairman of the committee on the executive department.

The pending question was on the adoption of the first section of the said report.

After a verbal amendment made,

On motion of Mr. GRASON,

The section was adopted.

The second section of the report was then read as follows:

Sec. 2. The persons qualified to vote for delegates to the General Assembly, shall meet on the first Wednesday of October, in the year eighteen

hundred and fifty-three, and on the same day and month in every third year thereafter, at the places where they are entitled to vote for delegates, and elect a Governor; the election to be held in the same manner as the election of delegates, and the returns thereof, under seal, to be addressed to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and enclosed and transmitted to the Secretary of State, by whom or by the Executive, they shall be delivered to the said Speaker at the commencement of the session of the legislature next ensuing said election.

Mr. G. offered as a substitute for said section, the following:

Section 2. The first election for governor, under this constitution, shall be held on the first Wednesday in November, in the year eighteen hundred and _____ and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, at the places of voting for delegates to the General Assembly, and every person, qualified to vote for delegates shall be qualified and entitled to vote for governor; the election to be held in the same manner as the election of delegates, and the returns thereof, under seal, to be addressed to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and enclosed and transmitted to the Secretary of State, and delivered to the said Speaker at the commencement of the session of the legislature next ensuing said election.

Mr. G. said, that the substitute contained no new provisions, but it was merely made a little more simple and clear. He had left out the time at which the first election for governor under the new Constitution should take place, because the Convention was thin, and the question was one which he desired should be discussed when there was a full attendance.

Mr. DONALDSON suggested to the gentleman from Queen Anne's, (Mr. GRASON,) to leave blank the day of election as well as the year.

Mr. GRASON assented.

Mr. GWINN suggested that the month also should be left blank.

Mr. GRASON again assented.

Mr. DORSEY suggested that the amendments and new sections intended to be proposed by the gentleman from Queen Anne's, (Mr. GRASON,) should be printed.

This led to some conversation in which Messrs. GRASON, BRENT, of Baltimore city, JENIFER, DORSEY, SPENCER and THOMAS, took part.

Mr. GRASON finally moved that the consideration of said section, and substitute be informally passed over.

Ordered accordingly.

The third section of the report was read as follows:

Sec. 3. And the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall then open the said returns in the presence of both Houses, and the person having the highest number of votes, and being constitutionally eligible, shall be the Governor, and shall qualify in the manner herein prescribed, on the first Monday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.