

words "and Harford county," and by striking out from the word "first," in the second line, to the word "and," where it occurs in the fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Baltimore city, Baltimore and Carroll counties, the second, and St. Mary's, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and Howard counties, the third."

Mr. J. briefly explained his amendment.

Mr. THOMAS moved to amend said section by striking out all of said fifth section to the word "third," in the fifth line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"The State shall be divided into four districts, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll and Baltimore counties to be the first; Harford and the eight counties on the Eastern Shore, the second; St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Howard and Montgomery counties, the third, and Baltimore city the fourth districts."

The amendment was briefly explained by Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. DORSEY offered the following amendment:

Strike out in fifth section, second line, "Baltimore, Harford," and insert "St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Howard, Montgomery," and after the word "and" in third line, strike out "St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles Prince George's Anne Arundel and Montgomery," and insert "Baltimore and Harford."

Mr. D. proceeded to explain the object of his amendment, but yielded to a motion that the Convention adjourn.

A motion was made that the when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet at twelve o'clock (instead of ten,) on Monday, so as to allow time for members to arrive by the cars.

The motion was agreed to,

And the Convention adjourned until Monday at twelve o'clock.

MONDAY, March 10, 1851.

Mr. BLAKISTONE, (the President *pro tem.*,) called the Convention to order at 12 o'clock, being the hour to which the Convention stood adjourned this day.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Some conversation followed, arising out of the fact that a substitute amendment, offered by Mr. DORSEY, to the fifth section of the report, had not been entered on the journal.

A point of order arose as to whether the amendment was received as in order, or was only offered as a notice of amendment. The result was that the amendment was ordered to be entered on the journal.

Mr. JENIFER, chairman of committee No. 14, asked leave to report back the petition from citizens of Allegany county, praying that the Convention "provide in the new constitution that the privilege to sell intoxicating liquors shall not be granted to any person in any part of the State, except the same shall first be sanctioned or approved of by a majority of the voters in the election district where the same is to be sold," and that the same be referred to the committee already appointed on that subject. Also, the petition from citizens from Washington county, on the same subject, be referred to the same committee.

Also, that the petition of Wm. B. Shield and forty-seven other citizens of Frederick county, praying for a new county, composed of Hawvers, Catorton, Middletown, Petersville and Jefferson districts of said county," be referred to the committee on new counties.

Also, that the petition for the protection of grave yards from desecration, be referred to the next General Assembly of Maryland.

And that committee No. 14 be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Which was read.

The report of the committee was concurred in, and the several petitions therein mentioned, were severally referred as recommended in said report.

Mr. SOLLERS presented an account of Edward M. Wise, Messenger to His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland.

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on accounts.

THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the report heretofore made by Mr. GRASON, from the committee on the executive department of the government.

The question was on the fifth section, and the amendments thereto pending.

On a suggestion by Mr. GRASON, the section was informally passed over for the present.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the sixth section of the report, as follows:

Sec. 6. A person to be eligible to the office of Governor, must have attained the age of thirty years, and been for ten years a citizen of the United States, and must have been for seven years next preceding his election a resident of the State, and for two years a resident of the district from which he was elected.

Mr. GRASON moved to amend said section by striking out "ten," in the second line, and inserting "seven," and by striking out "seven," in the third line and inserting "five," and striking out "two," in the fourth line, and inserting "three."

Mr. BUCHANAN moved to amend by striking out "seven," in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof "five"

The PRESIDENT, (*pro tem.*,) stated that the question would be on the largest number first.

Mr. DORSEY said he had intended to offer an amendment somewhat, but not exactly similar to