

public debt, and the granting of such a release, was in its effect, to the extent of the sum released, equivalent to a new levy of taxes upon the people.

He hoped that every effort would be made to render the present tax system effective. If the proposition which he now offered were adopted, there would be some reasonable prospect of the payment of the public debt in twelve or fourteen years. But if the proposition were rejected, he could not foresee at what period the debt would be paid.

The question was then put, and

The amendment was adopted as an additional section.

Mr. DORSEY then moved further to amend the report, by inserting the following as the twenty-first section:

"Section 21. It shall be the duty of the Governor semi-annually, and oftener if he deem it expedient, to inspect the bank book, books of accounts and other proceedings of the Treasurer."

Mr. D. said, one of the objections made to biennial sessions was, that the treasurer would not be called on to report the state of the treasury as often as he should, and that this might lead to frauds or malversation in office.

The amendment provides that the Governor shall semi-annually inspect the bank book, books of accounts and other proceedings of the treasurer. The duties thus imposed on the Governor were neither inappropriate nor onerous. Nothing then can be done by the treasurer over which the Governor will not exercise a supervision, more effectual than that resulting from annual sessions of the legislature.

The money is deposited in the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, and the Governor will be subjected to no serious inconvenience in the duty now assigned him. And if the treasurer should commit any abuse of his trust it will be detected. The Governor will have sufficient leisure for this inspection, and its exercise would supersede the necessity of appointing a comptroller at a salary of \$3,000, as is proposed in the report of the committee on the treasury department. If we are to have a comptroller for the purposes proposed in the report, the treasury must be removed to the city of Baltimore.

The question was then put, and

The amendment was adopted as an additional section.

Mr. TUCK moved to amend the report, by inserting the following as the twenty-second section:

"Section 22. Before granting any pardon or *nolle prosequi*, the Governor shall cause such notice as he may deem expedient, by publication in some one or more newspapers, that an application has been made, and that the same will be considered on or after a day to be named in said notice."

Mr. T. defended his proposition in some remarks which will be published hereafter.

The question being put,

The amendment was agreed to.

The twentieth (printed) section being under consideration,

Mr. GRASON said, there was a section in the legislative report, nearly the same in effect as this section. He, therefore, moved to strike out the section.

The motion was agreed to,

And the twentieth section was stricken out.

The twenty-first section being under consideration as follows:

"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."

Mr. DIRICKSON moved to strike out the section, and insert in lieu of, the following:

Section 21. The Governor shall be in attendance at the seat of government during the sessions of the legislature of the State, and shall receive for his services an annual salary of two thousand dollars."

Mr. D. made some remarks which will be published hereafter.

Mr. GRASON desired, before the amendment proposed by the gentleman from Worcester was received, to move an amendment, by striking out the following words in the section, "in order that he may constantly attend to the duties of his office."

Mr. JENIFER was opposed to the amendment of the gentleman from Worcester, (Mr. Dirickson.) At the very moment when we have imposed additional duties on the Executive, by requiring him to examine the bank books, and in other respects also, he thought it wrong to reduce his salary. The people have already expressed their approbation of a rate of salary suitable to the dignity of the office and the character of the State. He desired to give to every man a salary in proportion to the importance and value of the office he fills. And it is proposed further that the Governor shall remove his residence from this city. He would warn the gentleman from Worcester against touching Annapolis, endeared as it is to the citizens of this State by its hallowed associations. Let the Governor act as he feels disposed. Give him an adequate salary, and leave him free to do as he will. He was opposed also to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Queen Anne's.

Mr. DORSEY intended to move to amend the substitute of the gentleman from Worcester, by striking out the words "during the sessions of the Legislature of the State," and inserting in lieu thereof the following words, "during the session of the Legislature, and in the recess thereof be in the city of Annapolis, during the first week of every other month of his term."

Mr. D. went into a brief explanation of the duties of the Governor, and stated that they were not such as to require his constant residence at Annapolis.

The question was then put on the amendment offered by Mr. GRASON, and it was adopted.

The question being on the amendment submitted by Mr. DORSEY,