

State. I am opposed to that upon general principles, because I am opposed to restricting the legislature in any way. If a constitutional provision of this sort should be adopted, one of the most important rights and privileges of the people of Maryland will be to be organized in their respective districts, just as is now done under the operation of the law. I do not suppose that anybody who lives in Prince George's county wants to be jerked out of there and carried to Allegany county for the purpose of being equipped and drilled under a militia system in Allegany county. I therefore move to amend this section by inserting after the words "disciplining the militia," the words "in the city of Baltimore, and in every county."

The question being taken upon the amendment, it was rejected.

Mr. AUDOIN. I move to amend this section by adding the words "and shall pass such laws as shall promote the formation of volunteer militia associations in the city of Baltimore, and every county, and secure to them such privileges or assistance as may afford them effectual encouragement."

The question being taken upon the amendment, upon a division—ayes 24, noes 26—it was not agreed to.

No further amendment was offered to this section.

Mr. PURNELL. I offer the following as a new section:

"The governor shall have power to call forth the militia to execute the laws of the State, suppress insurrection, and repel invasion."

There was a law passed at the last session of the legislature, which perhaps gave the governor that power. But it was gotten up very hastily, and the system then arranged was very imperfect, and will have to undergo revision. I propose to place it in a more permanent form, by putting it into the constitution, and not leaving it to the legislature at all.

Mr. SCOTT. That power is already given to the executive, in the article on the executive department.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. The eleventh section of the article on the executive department, which we adopted to-day, reads as follows:

"Sec. 11. The governor shall be commander-in-chief of the land and naval forces of the State, and may call out the militia to repel invasions, suppress insurrections and enforce the execution of the laws; but shall not take the command in person without the consent of the general assembly."

Mr. PURNELL. I will withdraw my amendment under these circumstances.

The amendment was accordingly withdrawn.

Section three was then read as follows:

"Sec. 3. The adjutant general shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the ad-

vice and consent of the senate. He shall hold his office for the term of \_\_\_\_\_ years, and receive for his services an annual salary of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars."

Mr. THOMAS moved to fill up the first blank with the word "four."

Mr. STIRLING. I move to strike out the words "for the term of \_\_\_\_\_ years," and insert "during the pleasure of the governor." It would work very badly if the governor and the adjutant general did not agree. He is a sort of staff officer to the governor, and ought to be subject to his absolute control, and not be independent of him.

Mr. THOMAS. My object in moving to make it four years was to make it correspond to the term of the governor. I would have no objection to inserting after the word "years" the words "or during the pleasure of the governor."

Mr. STIRLING. A man who was really worth anything would not want to stay in the office if the governor did not want him there.

The question was then taken upon the amendment of Mr. STIRLING, and it was adopted.

Mr. STIRLING. I now move to strike out the words "an annual salary of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars," and insert "such compensation as is now or may be hereafter fixed by law."

The PRESIDENT. The adjutant general now draws two thousand dollars.

Mr. STIRLING. He does not draw that as adjutant general.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. Section 12, chapter 284 of the laws of the last session of the legislature provides:

"That the salaries of these several department officers shall be as follows, to-wit: The adjutant general shall receive, so long as he discharges the duties of quartermaster general, inspector general and commissary general, as herein before provided, the pay of two thousand dollars per annum, payable as heretofore," &c.

Mr. STIRLING. He draws that as long as the legislature allows him to perform those other duties, but not as adjutant general.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. He is *ex officio* all this; but he performs no additional duties so long as there is no militia under arms.

Mr. DANIEL. I believe the adjutant general only got one thousand dollars before that last law was passed. And I think he did not get that much until within a recent period. I believe five hundred dollars a year was all he got for a long time. I want to know whether these additional duties are so onerous as to be deserving of a thousand dollars extra pay, or whether they are not put on so as to lug in the extra thousand dollars. I think one thousand dollars is enough, and that we better fix it at that.

Mr. STIRLING. As far as I am concerned, I do not know how to vote on the amount