

Mr. HOPKINS. Does it relate to the blind, deaf and dumb?

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. They will be embraced under the last clause of the article, relating to "the general amelioration of the condition of the people."

Mr. HOPKINS withdrew his amendment.

The question was upon the passage of the report.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE moved a call of the house, which was ordered.

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. STIRLING moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

The motion was not agreed to.

The calling of the roll was then completed, the following members answering to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Kefer, Kennard, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Negley, Parker, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—68.

On motion of Mr. McCOMAS,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The report of the committee on education was then passed, by yeas and nays, (under rule forty-three)—yeas 56, nays 18—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Kefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—56.

Nays—Messrs. Billingsley, Blackiston, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Davis, of Charles, Dent, Duvall, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Peter, Smith, of Dorchester, Wilmer—18.

Mr. CLARKE, when his name was called said: I think this is an improper time to make changes in our constitution. And being opposed to the whole of the proceedings inaugurating a change in the constitution of

Maryland at this time, I shall vote against this article, although there are many things in it to which I do not object. I vote "no."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Mr. STOCKBRIDGE,

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on the treasury department, which was on its third reading.

The report was read the third time, and no amendments were offered thereto.

The report was then passed, by yeas and nays, (under rule forty-three)—yeas 53, nays 14—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Carter, Chambers, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Johnson, Kefer, Kennard, Larsh, Markey, Mayhugh, Mullikin, Negley, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wooden—53.

Nays—Messrs. Blackiston, Briscoe, Brown, Davis, of Charles, Duvall, Hodson, Horsey, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Parran, Peter, Smith, of Dorchester, Wilmer—14.

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Before proceeding to any other report, I would ask the attention of the house for a moment. I received this morning from a very respectable source, a letter suggesting the propriety of a change in the report of the committee on the judiciary department, which has not yet passed. The only way in which I can respond to the wishes of my correspondent, which I wish to do, rather on his authority than my own, is to ask the house to adopt this order:

"Ordered, That the committee on the judiciary be directed to inquire into the expediency of inserting in the constitution a provision that in all cases in law or equity the parties may by agreement select some one learned in the law to act as judge in the cause, without expense to the State, and subject to such regulations as the legislature may provide."

It is simply a resolution of inquiry, and commits nobody to anything.

No objection being made, the order was received and adopted.

COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS.

On motion of Mr. STOCKBRIDGE,

The convention then proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the rights, duties, divisions and subdivisions of counties, which was on its third reading.

The first section was read as follows:

"The general assembly may provide for