

the several counties shall remain the same until changed by law.

The committee recommend that this section be modified to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The county commissioners shall be elected, on general ticket, by the qualified voters of the several counties in this State; an election for county commissioners shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, 1865, and as nearly one half as may be of said commissioners shall hold their office for two years, and the other half for four years; at the first meeting after their election and qualification or as soon thereafter as practicable the said commissioners shall determine by lot, which of their number shall hold office for two and four years respectively; and thereafter there shall be elected as aforesaid, at each general election for county officers, county commissioners for four years to fill the places of those whose term has expired. The said commissioners shall exercise such powers and perform such duties, which shall be similar throughout the State, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law. Their number in each county, and their compensation, their powers and duties, may at any time hereafter be changed and regulated by the general assembly.

The committee recommend that the seventh section of this article, which was the sixth as adopted in convention, be remodeled as hereinafter proposed. This section at the time of its being referred to the committee read thus:

"Sec. 7. The qualified voters of each county and the city of Baltimore shall, on Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and every two years thereafter, elect a surveyor for the counties and city of Baltimore respectively, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed by law for the county and city surveyors respectively; or as may hereafter be prescribed by law. The term of office of said county and city surveyors respectively shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding their election. And vacancies in said office of surveyors by death, resignation or removal from their respective counties or city shall be filled by the commissioners of the counties, or by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, respectively, for the residue of the term thus made vacant."

This section, according to the proposed amendments of the committee, will read thus:

Sec. 7. The qualified voters of each county and of the city of Baltimore shall, on the Tuesday next, after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and every two years thereafter, elect a surveyor for the counties

and the city of Baltimore respectively, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next ensuing their election, and whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law. Any vacancy in the office of surveyor shall be filled by the commissioners of the counties, or by the mayor and city council of Baltimore respectively, for the residue of the term.

In the eighth section of this article the committee recommend the following amendments:

Insert the word "the" before the word "Tuesday" in the first line. Strike out the word "prescribed" after the word "now" in the fifth line. Also the words "by death, resignation or removal from the county," in the eighth line, and the words "thus made vacant" in the tenth line.

This closes the report of the committee on the article "sundry officers."

GEORGE EARLE, Chairman.

All the recommendations of the committee of revision relating to the article on "sundry officers" were concurred in by the convention.

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, The convention took a recess until half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention reassembled at half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Dellinger, Dent, Duval, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parker, Parran, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—52.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

On motion of Mr. WICKARD, It was ordered to be noted upon the journal that Dr. Hopkins left his seat in the hall on Wednesday afternoon on account of his wife's illness, and has been detained since on account of his own.

VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention, that all constitutions framed by con-