

dition of children employed in the factories in this State was taken from the table and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hammond it was

*Ordered*, That the committee on the legislative department be requested to take into consideration the propriety of providing in the constitution for annual sessions of the Legislature, and limiting the sessions to a shorter period than at present.

Mr. Chas. E. Tarr submitted the following, which was referred to the committee on the basis of representation:

*Ordered*, That the committee on representation, in apportioning the delegates to the General Assembly, consider the propriety of allowing to each county and each senatorial district of the city of Baltimore a delegate for every 7,000 inhabitants, calculating upon the basis of aggregate population, until each county and each district in the city of Baltimore receive four members, and an additional delegate for every 20,000 population, or the largest fractional part thereof, until the number of seven is reached, but to apportion to no county less than two delegates.

Mr. George submitted the following:

*Ordered*, That the committee on the legislative department inquire into the propriety of making constitutional enactment whereby the Legislature of the State may make most liberal provision for the encouragement of railroad facilities to the peninsula embracing the Eastern and Western Shores of Maryland, as a source of advantage to their landed interests.

Mr. Peters moved to amend by adding after the word "railroads" the words "and steamboats."

Mr. Peters thought it would be much better to build steamboats than to construct railroads which would divert trade from Baltimore to Philadelphia.

Mr. Carter moved to lay the order on the table, which was decided in the negative.

The amendment of Mr. Peters was then disagreed to and the order was adopted.