

Mr. Dorsey delivers a bill entitled, an act authorising and directing the sale of the real estate of Wm. Hammond (son of Wm.) late of Anne Arundel county, deceased.

On motion by Mr. Callis, *Ordered*, That the bill entitled, an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from Edward H. Calvert's old mill in Prince George's county to the district of Columbia, be recommitted for amendment.

The house proceeded to the consideration of the bill entitled, an act to alter all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the appointment of the governor, and for other purposes.

Mr. Wilson moved to strike out the whole of said bill after the words Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, and to insert the following as a substitute therefor:

"That the governor of this state shall, after the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, be elected in the following manner: all persons qualified to vote for county delegates, and for delegates for the city of Baltimore, shall, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter, elect, by ballot, by a majority of votes, two persons from their respective counties, and for the city of Baltimore, qualified to be elected county delegates, to be electors of governor; the said election as to time, place, manner of holding the same, and return, to be under the same regulations as are already by law made, or which may hereafter be made, in relation to the election of county delegates. And all persons qualified to vote for delegates for the city of Annapolis, shall, on the same \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter, elect, by ballot, by a majority of votes, one person as an elector for the said city, qualified to be elected a delegate for the said city; the said election, as to time, place, manner of holding the same, and return, to be under the same regulations as already by law made, or which may hereafter be made, in relation to the election of delegates for the said city.

"2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in voting for the electors aforesaid, the name or names of the persons voted for, shall be inserted on the ballot for delegates, on which ballot it shall be plainly designated the purpose for which such name or names is inserted.

"3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said electors shall meet at the city of Annapolis, or such other place as shall be appointed for convening the legislature, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_, and on the same day

in every fourth year thereafter, and they, or any twenty-four of them so met, shall proceed to elect by ballot, either out of their own body, or the people at large, a person of wisdom, experience and virtue, as governor of this state, who shall hold his office for four years; but if two or more shall have an equal number of ballots in their favor, by which the choice shall not be determined on the first ballot, then a second ballot shall be taken, which shall be confined to the persons who, on the first ballot, shall have had an equal number; and if the ballots should again be equal between two or more persons, then the election of the governor shall be determined by lot between those who have equal numbers; and if the person chosen governor shall die, resign, remove out of the state, or refuse to act, the president of the senate, for the time being, shall act as governor until the meeting of the legislature, when the house of delegates shall elect, by ballot, a person as governor, who shall act as such during the remainder of the said four years; and if a vacancy should again happen, this mode of supply shall again be had.

"4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the electors of governor shall judge of the qualifications and elections of the members of their body, and on a contested election shall admit to a seat, as an elector, such qualified person as shall appear to them to have the greatest number of legal votes in his favor.

"5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the electors, immediately on their meeting, and before they proceed to the election of governor, shall qualify, by taking the oaths which are now administered to the members of the house of delegates.

"6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That a council to the governor shall be annually chosen, in the manner following, to wit: the house of delegates shall, on the second Tuesday of their annual session, elect a council, to consist of five members of the senate, three of whom to be senators of the western shore, and two senators of the eastern shore.

"7. AND BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That from and after the first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixteen, the senate of this state shall consist and be composed of twenty members, one to be chosen for the city of Baltimore, one other member for the city of Annapolis and Anne Arundel county, and one member for each of the other counties of this state; and that the senators shall be elected, by ballot, for four years, by the voters of the said several counties and cities, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, at the same time, and in the same manner, and at the same places, where they shall vote for members of the house of delegates.

"8. AND BE IT ENACTED, That immediately after the senate shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided, by lot, into four classes, and the seats of the first class of senators shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year; of the second class at the end of the second year; of the third class at the end of the third year; and of the fourth class at the end of the fourth year; so that one fourth of the whole number of senators may be annually chosen.

"9. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall be a senator who shall not have attained the age of twenty five years, and been a resident of the state four years next before his election, and the last year thereof a resident of the county, or city, for which he shall be elected, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States or of this state.