

of immigration and immigration agent, and establishes a new office in their place, with additional powers, the incumbent of which is styled "superintendent of labor and agriculture." The subject of the continuance of the first two mentioned officers was referred to the legislative committee, of which he (Mr. B.) was a member, and they had today directed the chairman of the committee to report a section abolishing said offices, as he believed that all of these offices were unnecessary, and he must vote no.

The bill was passed by yeas 77, nays 25—Messrs. Bate-man, Bennett, Bradley, Brewer of Baltimore city, Brown, Chambers, Cosgrove, Duvall, Galt, Groome, Hayden, Hoblitzell, Harvey of Somerset, Howard, Jones, Keating Longwell, McCormick, Morris, Peters, Pleasants, Riggs, Spates, Stoddert and Watkins of Caroline.

The report of the committee on the judiciary was then taken up on its third reading, and a number of verbal amendments reported by the committee on revision and compilation were agreed to.

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, asked to open the 27th section to an amendment equalizing the salaries of the county judges. The difference between the compensation of the chief justices and associate justices was too much. If the section was opened he would offer an amendment placing the salaries of the chief justices at \$3,200.

Mr. Alvey also asked to open the section so as to equalize the salaries, as it was the opinion of many that the scale as now fixed was too disproportionate and would cause much inconvenience. He, however, would propose a different scale than that of the gentleman from Montgomery. He (Mr. A.) would propose to reduce the chief justices to \$3,500 and increase the associate justices to \$2,800.

The Convention refused to entertain the amendment of Mr. Watkins.

Mr. Hammond said he should, at the proper time, offer an amendment to strike out both the 27th and 31st sections relating to the salaries of judges and then go into committee of the whole to settle this whole subject of salaries, about which there was much dissatisfaction.