

means, to be tried like other citizens, on presentment and indictment in the due course of the common law, subject to such regulations and limitations as the Legislature may prescribe by law.

On motion of Mr. Blakistone, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the Elective Franchise inquire into the expediency of adopting the following article :

1st. That every free white male citizen above the age of twenty-one years, having resided twelve months in the State, and six months in the county or city, immediately preceding any election at which he offers to vote, shall be entitled to the right of suffrage.

2nd. That every free white male citizen having the residence as aforesaid, who shall have borne arms in defence of this State, or of the United States, or who are or may be compelled to bear arms in defence of either, shall be entitled to the rights of suffrage.

3rd. That every married man above the age of 18 years, and having the above qualification of residence shall be entitled to the right of suffrage.

On motion of Mr. Blakistone, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the Bill of Rights inquire into the expediency of adopting the following articles :

That the property of a woman, whether acquired before or after marriage, shall not be subject to her husband's debts, nor to be disposed of by him ; but shall remain hers forever as if she were a *feme sole*.

That a man shall not be responsible for the debts of his wife contracted before marriage.

That no Clergyman of any religious denomination, in which Auricular confession is observed, shall be compelled or permitted to give evidence of any confession made to him, in any court of law or equity in this State.

On motion of Mr. Blakistone, it was

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of adopting the following article :

That it shall be the duty of parents to maintain, educate and support their children until they arrive at majority, and in the event of the inability of parents to provide suitably for their children, the duty to devolve on the public, to the end that the child of every citizen of this State may be cared for and suitably educated.

Mr. Gwinn, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the committee on Representation report to this House on or before Monday next, and that the report of the said committee be made the special order of the day, for Friday, January 3rd, 1851 ;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Spencer,
Said order was laid on the table.

Mr. Donaldson, submitted the following order :

Which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby requested to furnish to this Convention, at his earliest convenience, a statement showing—