

seats in this convention were returned duly elected, and having taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation before the governor of this State, as prescribed by the act to provide for the taking of the sense of the people upon the call of a convention to frame a new constitution and form of government for this State, to provide for the election of delegates to said convention, and the assembling thereof, are deemed qualified and eligible to seats in this convention.

WM. T. PURNELL, Chairman,  
WM. B BOND,  
JOHN BROWN,  
SILAS LARSE,  
SAMUEL KEEFER,  
JOSEPH F. DAVIS.

Mr. PURNELL said: In submitting this report I will remark for the satisfaction of my friend from Kent (Mr. Chambers) that the committee perhaps have occupied more time than in his estimation was necessary in arriving at the conclusion which they submit in this report; but although more time has elapsed than the committee desired, under circumstances beyond our control, yet we do not conceive that the time has been lost; for it has enabled the committee to interchange freely and fully opinions upon the important subjects confided to them, and enabled them to arrive at a unanimous report which I hope will be satisfactory to the convention.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. NEGLEY. A majority of the committee on the treasury department instruct me to submit their report. Three of the members are absent, one of whom thinks precisely with the majority. The other two members I am not positive about, but I presume they will sign the report. I wish to reserve to them the privilege of submitting a minority report if they choose.

The report was read the first time as follows:

"Section 1. There shall be a treasury department, consisting of a comptroller, chosen by the qualified electors of the State —, who shall receive an annual salary of —, and of a treasurer, to be appointed by the two houses of the legislature, — on joint ballot, who shall also receive an annual salary of —, and neither of said officers shall be allowed or receive any fees, commissions, or perquisites of any kind, in addition to his salary, for the performance of any duty or service whatever. In case of a vacancy in either of the offices, by death or otherwise, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall fill such vacancy by appointment, to continue until another election by the people, or a choice by the legislature, as the case may be, and the

qualification of the successor. The comptroller and the treasurer shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and shall take such oath, and enter into such bonds, for the faithful discharge of their duties as the legislature shall prescribe.

"Section 2. The comptroller shall have the general superintendence of the fiscal affairs of the State; he shall digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue, and for the support of the public credit; prepare and report estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the State; superintend and enforce the collection of all taxes and revenue; adjust, settle and preserve all public accounts; decide on the forms of keeping and stating accounts; grant, under regulations prescribed by law, all warrants for moneys to be paid out of the treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by law; prescribe the formalities of the transfer of stock or other evidences of State debt, and countersign the same, without which such evidences shall not be valid; he shall make full reports of all his proceedings, and of the state of the treasury department within ten days after the commencement of each session of the legislature, and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by law.

"Section 3. The treasurer shall receive and keep the moneys of the State and disburse the same upon warrants drawn by the comptroller, and not otherwise; he shall take receipts for all moneys paid by him, and all receipts for moneys received by him shall be indorsed upon warrants signed by the comptroller, without which warrant, so signed, no acknowledgment of money received into the treasury shall be valid; and upon warrants issued by the comptroller he shall make arrangements for the payment of the interest of the public debt, and for the purchase thereof on account of the sinking fund; every bond, certificate, or other evidence of the debt of the State, shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the comptroller, and no new certificate or other evidence intended to replace another shall be issued until the old one shall be delivered to the treasurer, and authority executed in due form for the transfer of the same, shall be filed in his office, and the transfer accordingly made on the books thereof, and the certificate or other evidence cancelled; but the legislature may make provision for the loss of certificates or other evidence of the debt.

"Section 4. The treasurer shall render his accounts quarterly to the comptroller; and on the third day of each session of the legislature he shall submit to the senate and house of delegates fair and accurate copies of all accounts by him from time to time rendered and settled with the comptroller; he shall at all times submit to the comptroller the inspection of the moneys in his hands, and perform