

tution shall have and exercise all the powers and duties in their respective counties, now exercised by the County Commissioners under the laws of the State, and they shall receive the same salary, and their present number in the several counties shall remain the same until changed by law.

Sec. 5. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the appointment of Road Supervisors and Constables in the several counties by the County Commissioners and the number of said Supervisors and Constables in the several election districts in the several counties shall be determined by the said County Commissioners, but the tenure of office shall be uniform, and their powers and duties shall be similar throughout the State.

Sec. 6. The qualified voters of each county and the city of Baltimore shall, on the — day of — in the year —, and every two years thereafter, elect a Surveyor for the counties and the city of Baltimore respectively, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed by law for the County and City Surveyors respectively, or as may hereafter be prescribed by law. The term of office of said County and City Surveyors respectively, shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding their election. And vacancies in said office of Surveyors, by death, resignation or removal from their respective counties or city, shall be filled by the Commissioners of the counties, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore respectively.

Sec. 7. The qualified voters of Worcester county shall, on the — day of — in the year —, and every two years thereafter, elect a Wreckmaster for said county, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed or may be hereafter prescribed by law; the term of office of said Wreckmaster shall commence on the first Monday in January next succeeding his election, and a vacancy in said office by death, resignation or removal from the county, shall be filled by the County Commissioners of said county for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

Sec. 8. The General Assembly may provide by law for the election or appointment of such other officers as may be required and are not herein provided for, and prescribe their powers and duties, but the tenure of office and mode of appointment of all county officers shall be uniform, and their powers and duties shall be similar throughout the State.

Sec. 9. All persons holding any office under article seven of the present Constitution, whether by appointment or election, and whose offices are not abolished by this Constitution, shall continue to hold their respective offices for the periods for which they have been elected or appointed, and until their successors shall be duly elected or appointed, and shall qualify according to law.

#### AMENDMENT OF THE RULES.

Agreeably to notice given yesterday,

Mr. CUSHING moved to amend Rule 43, by striking out the words "whole number of members elected to the Convention, and inserting "members present."

Mr. CUSHING said: Upon referring to the rules, I find that if my motion prevails, it will be necessary also to amend the 42d Rule, by striking out the words "except on the final passage of a report;" so that I give notice that I will move to-morrow so to amend the 42d Rule, and if general consent be given, I will modify my amendment to the 43d Rule by striking out all after the word "Journal," and strike out these words in the 42d Rule; and that will leave the wording of the rules in a better form. If consent is not given, I will have the question taken now on the amendment of which I gave notice yesterday.

The PRESIDENT. If there be no objection the gentleman can amend his own proposition.

There was no objection.

Mr. CUSHING. Then I ask to substitute this amendment for the one I offered yesterday, to be voted on now, under the notice I gave yesterday.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman offers a new proposition, and it must lie over under the rule requiring a day's notice.

Mr. CUSHING. I understood that I gave a sufficient notice yesterday under the rules; and if this lies over that will be two day's notice, and action upon the third day.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman overlooks the important fact that he has asked to change the proposition.

Mr. CUSHING. I asked unanimous consent to substitute the amendment now offered, for that of which I gave notice, and I understood that consent to be given, or I should not have moved the substitute. It certainly was not necessary for me to ask unanimous consent to amend my own proposition.

The PRESIDENT. It is a new proposition, and under the rule must lie over one day.

Mr. DANIEL. I move to suspend the rule.

The PRESIDENT. The rule cannot be suspended.

Mr. HEBB. Is it necessary under the 55th Rule, if it is desired to change the phraseology of the amendment, to give notice of that change? The gentleman yesterday gave notice that he should move to amend this rule.

The PRESIDENT. The interpretation of the President is that any change whatever of the phraseology, or any thing that will bear a different interpretation, makes it a distinct proposition which requires one day's notice. The mere acceptance by the general consent of the body does not change the operation of the rule. The gentleman asks unanimous consent to change his amendment, and the Convention assents to that; but it becomes a new proposition and dispenses with the old proposition entirely.