

Sec. 3. The Governor and all officers, civil and military, now holding office under this State, whether by election or appointment, shall continue to hold, exercise and discharge the duties of their offices according to their present tenure, unless otherwise provided in this constitution, until they shall be superseded under its provisions, and until their successors shall be duly qualified.

On motion of Mr. Gill, this section was informally postponed.

Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were read and passed over without amendment.

Mr. Carter submitted the following, to be inserted as section 9, which was adopted:

“The term of office of all judges and other officers for whose appointment or election provision is made by this constitution shall, except in cases otherwise expressly provided herein, commence from the time of their election or appointment, and all such officers shall qualify as soon after their election or appointment as practicable, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices immediately upon their qualification.”

The section relative to the vote on the constitution was next proceeded with.

Mr. Mitchell moved to insert in the blank that the constitution shall be submitted to the people on Wednesday, the 25th of September, which was adopted.

Mr. Jones moved to insert that if the constitution be adopted, it shall go into effect on Thursday, the 10th of October.

The further consideration of this part of the report was then postponed.

The resolution providing for the publication of the constitution in the newspapers of the State was then, on motion of Mr. Carter, laid on the table.

The article of the report entitled new counties was then taken up. It is as follows:

“The General Assembly may provide by law for organizing new counties, locating and removing county seats, and changing county lines, but no new county shall be