

ofa elected by the people, seems to me too much after the fashion of the old constitution.

The amendment was rejected.

Mr. TODD moved to insert in line 5th "each district of"

Mr. AUDOUN: We do not want a surveyor for each district of the city of Baltimore. One surveyor for the city is all that is required.

Mr. TODD: My idea was to make it conform to the action of the convention in districting the city. As the gentlemen do not want it, I withdraw the amendment.

Mr. HENKLE moved to strike out "two" in line three, and to insert "four," to make the election for four years.

The question being taken, no quorum voted.

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington, demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 24, nays 27—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Abbott, Audoun, Brooks, Chambers, Daniel, Earle, Edelen, Hatch, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, King, Lansdale, Miller, Murray, Parker, Parran, Ridgely, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Stockbridge, Valliant—24.

*Nays*—Messrs. Annan, Baker, Brown, Canningham, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Duvall, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hopper, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, Nymann, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Stirling, Todd, Wickard, Wilmer—27.

As these names were called,

Mr. ECKER said: I hardly know how to vote on this question. We have had a surveyor in our county ever since I was a little boy. He has served very well. He is elected and kept there all the time; and I presume will be kept there. I therefore vote "aye."

Mr. HENKLE: This is not a political question. I think it is an important question. Every one familiar with the affairs of the State knows the importance of having experienced surveyors. There is more loss, more trouble, more litigation, more legislation required, when there is an inaccurate surveyor. If we elect a man for two years he will hardly have time to become familiar with his duties before another man will be put in his place; and we shall always have inexperienced surveyors. That we may have a term of four years instead of two, I vote "aye."

Mr. STIRLING: I would have voted for this proposition a while ago; but thinking of it since, I have come to the conclusion that we ought not to put this office for four years and others for two. We have voted down every similar proposition heretofore; and I shall vote "no."

Mr. ECKER said: For the reason assigned by my friend from Baltimore (Mr. Stirling,) I vote "no."

No further amendment was offered.

Section seven was then read as follows:

"Section 7. The qualified voters of Worcester county shall, on the — day of — in the year — and every two years thereafter, elect a wreck master 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 wreck master shall commence on the first Monday of 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."

Mr. PURNELL moved to fill up the blank so that it should read:

"The qualified voters of Worcester county shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and every two years thereafter, elect a wreck master," &c.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. MILLER: I ask the consent of the convention to return to the sixth section, in order to amend it. The latter part of the section now reads:

"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."

I propose to amend by adding to it the words "for the residue of the term thus made vacant," when it will correspond with the seventh section in that respect. There was quite a controversy under the old constitution in regard to the clerk of a circuit court, these words being left out, as to whether a man appointed by the judge continued in office for six years, or for only the residue of the term made vacant. I hope this matter will be made uniform throughout the constitution, so that the elections for these officers will come around at the same period throughout the State.

The question being taken, the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendments were offered to the sixth and seventh sections.

Section eight was then read, as follows:—

"Section 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."

Mr. SCOTT: In order to make this section