

The order was then adopted.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the Report of the Committee to consider and report upon the Declaration of Rights.

The question recurring upon the majority and minority reports submitted by the Committee as amendments to the 36th Article.

Pending which, (by unanimous consent,)

Mr. Wickes, Chairman of the Committee upon the Elective Franchise, submitted the following

REPORT:

SECTION 1. All elections shall be by ballot, and every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, who has been a resident of the State for one year, and of the legislative district of Baltimore city, or of the county in which he may offer to vote, for six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, in the ward or election district in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts, for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senator, Delegate, or other officer or officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote for six months next preceding the election; but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.

Sec. 2. No person above the age of twenty-one years, convicted of larceny or other infamous crime, unless pardoned by the Governor, shall ever thereafter be entitled to vote at any election in this State; and no person, under guardianship as a lunatic, or as a person *non compos mentis*, or found to be a lunatic or *non compos mentis* by the verdict of a jury, shall be entitled to vote.

Sec. 3. If any person shall give, or offer to give, directly or indirectly, or hath given or offered to give, since the fourth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, any bribe, present or reward, or any promise, or any security for the payment or delivery of money, or any other thing, to