

The report was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Bateman, under a suspension of the rules, submitted the following, which was adopted unanimously:

*Ordered*, That the committee on the legislative department be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting an article to the following effect:

The offices of Commissioner of Immigration and Immigration Agent shall cease on the adoption of this constitution.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the report of the committee respecting the militia and military affairs was taken up.

Section 1 relating to the militia was read.

Mr. Lee said the constitution of 1851 had prescribed details in relation to the organization of the militia, and such had been the case with the constitutions of all the States. There was, however, a bill now pending in Congress providing for the organization of a national guard through all the States, and forbidding the organization of any other militia by any of the States. In view of this fact the committee had thought it better to follow the constitution of 1864, and leave to the Legislature the details of the system to be prescribed according to the circumstances and exigencies of the times, as they did not think it proper or wise to insert anything in the constitution which might come in conflict with the laws of the United States.

Mr. Merrick moved to strike out the words "and as may not conflict with any law of the United States."

Mr. Merrick said this provision was entirely nugatory. The passage of a federal law always abrogated any State law with which it came in contact.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Vansant asked if the article conflicted with the law of 1867?

Mr. Lee said that it did; it abolished the office of inspector general.

Section 2 was read.