

motion to take a recess, and upon a division—ayes 23, noes 27—it was not agreed to.

JUDICIARY REPORT.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day, being the report of the committee on the judiciary department, which was on its second reading.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I move that the further consideration of this report be postponed until to-morrow morning at twelve o'clock.

Mr. VALLIANT. I move to postpone it to eleven o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I have no objection to that hour.

Mr. HOLLYDAY. I move to postpone it until Monday next. There are many members who desire to be here when this important subject is considered, and they will not be here this week. There are other subjects which we can consider.

The CHAIRMAN announced the question to be upon the longest time, being the motion of Mr. HOLLYDAY to postpone until Monday next.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I have heard from many members the wish expressed that the consideration of this report might be deferred a day or two. My only difficulty in voting for the motion of the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Hollyday) is that we may not have matters before us that will engage the attention of the convention until next Monday. There are several members of this convention absent whom I should very much like to see here when this report is taken up. And if we could postpone this report informally, or in any other way, so as to accommodate these gentlemen, and keep on working without any delay in consequence thereof, I should be very willing to do it.

Mr. STIRLING. I would suggest that there is plenty of business for this house to transact. There are two other reports, one already printed and on our files; the other will be ready to-morrow morning. And another made this morning will be printed day after to-morrow. There is therefore really no lack of business for the convention to do. I think we better postpone this report informally, for I do not think it is worth while to take it up now. We have a short report here upon the treasury department, which we can consider at this time.

Mr. HOLLYDAY. I withdraw my motion.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I move to postpone the judiciary report informally.

The motion to postpone was agreed to.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Mr. AUDOUN,

The convention proceeded to consider the report of the committee on the treasury department, which was on its second reading.

The first section was read as follows:

"There shall be a treasury department, consisting of a comptroller, chosen by the qualified electors of the State—who shall receive an annual salary of ———, and of a treasurer, to be appointed by the two Houses of the legislature,——— on joint ballot, who shall also receive an annual salary of ———, and neither of the said officers shall be allowed or receive any fees, commissions, or perquisites of any kind, in addition to his salary, for the performance of any duty or service whatever; in case of a vacancy in either of the offices, by death or otherwise, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall fill such vacancy by appointment, to continue until another election by the people or a choice by the legislature, as the case may be, and the qualification of the successor; the comptroller and the treasurer shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and shall take such oath, and enter into such bonds, for the faithful discharge of their duties as the legislature shall prescribe."

Mr. HABB. I move to fill the first blank with the words "at each general election of members of the general assembly."

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. STIRLING. I move to fill the next blank with the words "twenty-five hundred dollars," as the salary of the comptroller.

Mr. THOMAS. I move to fill it with "three thousand dollars."

Mr. WICKARD moved to insert "two thousand dollars."

The question was upon the largest sum, viz: "three thousand dollars."

Mr. STIRLING. I moved the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, because that is the salary the comptroller has always received under the present constitution, and I see no reason for diminishing it, and I am satisfied that there is no reason for increasing it.

Mr. THOMAS. The same reasons that would lead to the increase of the salary of any other officer, I should think would lead to an increase of the salary of the comptroller. When his salary was fixed at twenty-five hundred dollars, fourteen years ago, he was not paid in green-backs, but in gold. I think that three thousand dollars is little enough for his salary now.

Mr. MILLER. I am in favor of fixing this salary at three thousand dollars. We have increased the salary of the State librarian and of the commissioner of the land office, and I suppose we shall raise the salaries of some of the other State officers. I see no reason why the salary of those two officers should be increased, when their duties are not at all increased under the present constitution, and not increase the compensation of officers who have control of the finances of the State.

The question was then taken upon the motion of Mr. THOMAS to fill the blank with