

Ordered, That the committee on the Constitution enquire into the expediency of abolishing all that part of the constitution and form of government of this state, which relates to the geographical limits of the several counties therein, so that the territory of said counties may be equalized.

Mr. Burchenal moved to amend the said order, so as to exempt the Eastern Shore, and the question was put and determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the adoption of the order; resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Sellman submitted the following resolutions, which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

*Resolved*, That the tenure of all offices of profit and trust (except the judiciary) should be limited to a definite number of years.

*Resolved*, That the executive council is an useless appendage, tending to divide responsibility, productive of no advantage to the state, and ought to be abolished.

*Resolved*, That one branch of the Legislature ought to be based on popular representation; and to effect this purpose, the present manner of electing the Senate, in which the people have but a remote agency, ought to be changed, the state laid off into districts, and Senators elected directly by the people, from each district.

*Resolved*, That the governor be required to submit all nominations to a senate thus constituted and elected, for confirmation or rejection.

*Resolved*, That it be made obligatory upon the Governor to reside at the seat of government.

Mr. Gantt submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was read the first and second time by special order, and assented to.

Whereas it has been represented to the General Assembly, by the petition of Lidia Brown and Ann Hill,) now Dunkler,) that at December session, 1831, a resolution was passed, authorising the Register of the Land Office for the Western Shore, to issue a warrant for fifty acres of land in Allegany county to and for their use, and whereas, it appears that the said warrant was issued on the 2d day of April, 1832, and it appears that said warrant has been mislaid or lost.

Therefore, *Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Register of the Land Office for the Western Shore be and he is hereby directed to issue, in the name of Lydia Brown and Ann Dunkler, a warrant in lieu of the one lost.