

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following, which was adopted:

Ordered, That this Convention adjourn sine die at noon on Saturday, August 17.

The Convention then resolved itself into committee of the whole and took up the third section of the report of the committee on public works, relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Mr. Jones had been a representative upon this floor during various sessions since 1832. He did not agree with his friend from Harford, (Mr. Archer,) that it would have been better to have sold out the State's interest in the inception for \$250,000. Every citizen of Maryland was in some sense a stockholder in this work. The plan of separate commissioners to superintend the work has been tried and failed. It is likely to occur in any plan that may be adopted that the management of this work must be more or less mixed up in politics. The question is whether a change of management can be made by which the bondholders and other creditors may be paid, and the State's interest secured. He was in favor of striking out the third section and inserting a provision retaining the State control, but giving a representation to the bondholders and other creditors.

The committee then rose, and reported the following substitutes for the action of the Convention:

By Mr. Gill:

Section 3. For the purpose of prosecuting efficiently the working of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal—of preventing any partisan or political management thereof, and for the further purpose of so regulating the tolls as will produce a fair and just remuneration to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company—the following persons be, and are hereby, appointed commissioners, to serve without compensation, except for traveling expenses, viz: ———, who, and their successors, to be selected as hereinafter mentioned, or a majority of whom or of their successors, shall be authorized and empowered, until the