

FOURTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1867.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Father Burke.

Messrs. Jos. P. Merryman, of the 3d district of Baltimore city, and John T. Stoddert, of Charles county, delegates elect, appeared and qualified.

Mr. Denson offered the following:

Ordered, That this Convention tomorrow at noon proceed to the election, by ballot, of a reporter in chief for the debates and proceedings of this Convention. Adopted.

The chair presented a communication from Col. Wm. J. Leonard, comptroller of the currency, enclosing, in answer to order of the Convention, a statement of the amounts paid to special judges and counsel out of the State treasury since the year 1852.

The President announced the following appointments of officers:

Hallkeeper, Mr. Murdoch, of Annapolis; lamplighter, John V. Lowe, of Talbot county; folders, David Barry, of Prince George's county, and Jas. Coon, of Washington county; pages, John M. Cape, of Anne Arundel county; Anthony Neale, of Charles county; Harry H. Somers, of Montgomery county, and J. J. Grindell, of Baltimore city.

Mr. Giddings offered the following:

Ordered, That a committee of members be appointed by the President to consider the propriety of organizing a department of the State government to be known as the department of labor and agriculture, and if, in their judgment, the establishment of such a department would be beneficial to the people of Maryland, then to report to this Convention a plan for the same.

Mr. Devries offered the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That a special committee of one from each county and one from the city of Baltimore be appointed by the President on agriculture and public roads.

Mr. Brown thought any such bureau would be wholly ineffectual. Labor might be induced to come here, but it