

part of that gentleman's remarks surprised him. There was a paper placed in his, (Mr. H.'s,) hand—an order—which he was informed was the production of the Revisory Committee—of their- united council, and he was requested to offer it. That order he had torn up, and he was sorry for it.

Mr. BOWIE explained the view he took of this matter in reference to the propositions referred to by the gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr. Howard,) and the gentleman from Kent, (Mr. Chambers,). He thought that gentlemen were led into error in showing that there was a distinction between the Revising and Engrossing committee. He mentioned that there was no distinction between the duties of those two committees. What, he asked, did the Convention require to be done to perfect their labors? Why, it was to refer this last article of the Constitution to the Revisory or Engrossing committee, to let them make their report, and then the members of the Convention would be able to sign it and attest it. That could be done in twenty minutes. Why, should gentlemen be detained here unnecessarily, when they could dispose of their labors to-night, and return to their homes to-morrow morning? He would tell gentlemen of the reform party, that although he did not intend to vote for the new Constitution, yet he wanted to see everything done properly. He wanted no delay. Nothing should go out of this body unless attested by it. He wanted the committee to go out, and have the Constitution engrossed now, and then let it be signed and attested in this Hall. He was opposed to postponing the matter till to-morrow morning, when, in all probability, there would be no quorum present. Therefore, he was in favor of adopting the order submitted by the gentleman from Queen Anne's, (Mr. Spencer,) that the committee shall report upon the subject at once.

Mr. GRASON observed that the committee had had certain amendments in their hands, and they were anxious that the Convention should see them inserted in the engrossed Constitution. The committee supposed that when that order was presented to this Convention that it was in conformity with their wishes. They had supposed the Convention would adjourn, and that there would not be a quorum to-morrow. This seemed to be the opinion of every gentleman. He thought there was some little difference between the order of the gentlemen from Kent, (Mr. Chambers,). He had now altered the phraseology of the order he intended to submit in order to meet the objections of the gentleman from Kent, and he thought the Convention might adjourn at once, if they chose to authorise the committee to do so and so, as many members had signified their wish to go home immediately. The committee of Revision had consented to remain and perform the duties imposed upon them if required. For one, he was willing to do his duty. Mr. G. then submitted the following order:

*Ordered,* That the committee on Revision be authorised to sit to-morrow, for the purpose of examining the engrossed Constitution, and seeing

it deposited in the office of the clerk of the court of Appeals. Which was read.

Mr. BOWIE moved to amend the order by striking out the word "examining," and the word "and." The question having been taken, it was determined in the negative.

Mr. BOWIE then moved to amend said order by striking out after the word "be," in 1st line, to the end of said order, and inserting in lieu thereof, "directed to report forthwith on the Constitution as adopted by this Convention."

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, at one o'clock at night, moved the Convention adjourn.

Mr. CHAMBERS demanded the yeas and nays, Which appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Weems, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Tuck, Sprigg, Spencer, Fooks, Shriver, Biser, Stephenson, Magraw, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, and Waters—26.

*Negative*—Messrs. Sellman, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Constable, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Grason, George, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Jacobs, Gaither, Annan, Sappington, McHenry, Carter, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Hollyday and Shower—36. So the Convention refused to adjourn.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. BOWIE.

Mr. GRASON accepted the amendment.

The order was then adopted as amended.

Mr. TUCK, chairman of the committee on revision, reported the Constitution as having been engrossed, and stated, that after a careful examination, it had been found to correspond, in all respects, with the articles adopted by the Convention.

Mr. HOWARD moved that it be now signed by the President of the Convention, and attested by the Secretary thereof.

Mr. RANDALL rose and inquired if this order passed, what were the President and Secretary required to attest as the Constitution? The papers before the Convention were not capable of receiving such an attestation. There was no one complete document, but many independent pieces of paper, some printed, some written; many interlineations and amendments made by the committee, some of which had not been acted on by the Convention. Were all these several scraps of paper to be identified by this attestation, or was the attestation to be to a part only, and the Secretary to decide what other parts belonged to the Constitution?

He did hope that the Convention would not pass this order, but would adjourn until to-morrow, when the whole Constitution would be put into proper form, and carefully examined and duly attested. Thus the Convention would complete this important duty in a manner worthy the dignity of the subject, and the just expectations of the people.

Mr. GOLDSBOROUGH demanded the yeas and nays Which appeared as follows: