

never is done, and would be a perfectly useless operation.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I hope the motion to adjourn will be withdrawn a few moments. I hear a whistle; and it may be that the cars will be here in five minutes.

Mr. NEGLEY. I know that some time ago, the convention met at ten o'clock, and were without a quorum. They took a recess until twelve o'clock.

Mr. MILLER. I think there was no motion made to adjourn. We waited until twelve o'clock.

Mr. NEGLEY. The house had gone out, for when I came here from the cars there was nobody here. They reassembled at twelve o'clock and called the roll.

Mr. AUDOUN. I wish to ask my friend from Kent whether a minority can do that which a majority refuses to do?

Mr. CHAMBERS. I say we can do nothing, except one single act, to adjourn from day to day.

The motion to adjourn was rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. BROWN renewed the motion to adjourn, and it was rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. DELLINGER renewed the motion to adjourn. The motion was agreed to, and

The convention adjourned.

SIXTY-THIRD DAY.

TUESDAY, August 2, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Davenport.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Gale, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—65.

The journals of Friday last and of yesterday were then read and approved.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

On motion of Mr. SYKES,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Messrs. Sykes and Sands, of Howard, would have been in their places at roll call yesterday, but for the accidental delay of the train aboard which they were.

On motion of Mr. AUDOUN,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Mr. Thomas, of Baltimore city, is detained from his seat by sickness.

EDUCATION.

Mr. CUSHING, from the committee on education, submitted the following report, which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed:

The committee on education and the encouragement of literature, beg leave to submit the following report:

ARTICLE 10.

Education.

Section 1. The governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint, within ten days after the ratification by the people of this constitution, a State superintendent of public instruction, who shall hold his office for four years, receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars, exclusive of office and travelling expenses, report to the general assembly within thirty days after the commencement of its first session under this constitution, a uniform system of free public school education, and perform such other duties pertaining to his office as may from time to time be prescribed by law.

Section 2. There shall be an assistant superintendent of public instruction in each county and the city of Baltimore, who shall be appointed by the State superintendent of public instruction, shall hold office for four years, receive such compensation and perform such duties as the general assembly may prescribe.

Section 3. There shall be a State board of education, consisting of the governor of the State, the lieutenant governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the State superintendent of public instruction, which board shall perform such duties as the general assembly may direct.

Section 4. There shall be in each county five school commissioners, who shall be appointed by the State board of education, shall hold office for four years, and shall perform such duties as the general assembly may direct; the school commissioners of Baltimore city shall remain as at present constituted, and be appointed as at present, by the mayor and city council.

Section 5. The general assembly, at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, shall provide a uniform system of free public schools, by which a school shall be kept open and supported free of expense for tuition in each school district, for at least six months in each year; and in case of a failure on the part of the general assembly so to provide, the system reported to it by the State superintendent of public instruction shall become a law, and have full effect as if enacted by the