

Kennard, King, Lee, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Russell, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope and Wooden—42.

There being no quorum present,

On motion of Mr. DENT,

The Convention adjourned.

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY.

FRIDAY, July 22, 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, Barron, Belt, Bond, Brooks, Carter, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Johnson, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Valliant, Wickard and Wooden—63.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. JONES, of Somerset,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal that Mr. DENNIS is detained from his seat in the Convention by sickness in his family.

Messrs. GALLOWAY and KEEFER asked and obtained leave of absence.

TIME OF SESSIONS—ABSENTEES.

Mr. BARRON submitted the following order: *Ordered*, That the Convention meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 3 o'clock, P. M., daily.

Mr. BARRON said: My object is just this. We can do five hours work. If any gentleman will offer an order to reduce speeches to five or ten minutes, I think we can do a great amount of work in five hours every day. I have some anxiety myself at this time about going home. Some gentlemen would rather be from there than be there. It is not so with me at his time. I want to attend the sessions of the convention as far as possible; and if the convention will attend to their work until three o'clock, I can do it, and we can do a very fair day's work. For that reason I offer this order.

Mr. PUGH. Can the gentleman offer an order obliging the convention to sit every day until three o'clock, when the rules of the convention permit a motion to adjourn at any time?

Mr. BARRON. I have no disposition to do

that. My disposition is to come here and do a good day's work.

Mr. SCHLEY. Does the gentleman think five hours a good day's work? Ten hours is the rule in Baltimore.

Mr. BARRON. I have done a good day's work in less than five hours.

The PRESIDENT. The chair considers the order in conflict with the rules of the convention.

Mr. BARRON. I will withdraw the order, with the understanding that gentlemen who want so much work done shall stay in session until three o'clock every day.

The PRESIDENT. Will the gentleman stay until four o'clock?

Mr. BARRON. I am willing to stay until half-past three; and that will give me fifteen minutes to get to the cars.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman will recollect that important business of the convention is transacted by the body when not in session.

Mr. BARRON. Then I will see the president of the road, in order to get home, and I will say four o'clock, and just take five minutes to get to the cars. I don't like the principle of voting to remain here in Annapolis and then going to Baltimore. Gentlemen who voted for the order to meet here at eight o'clock, did actually go to Baltimore. That was to put them, as they think, exactly right on the record. I voted against the eight o'clock session; and I did it upon the ground that I could not attend. They voted for it and still went to Baltimore. I want to have justice in this matter; and that is all I ask. If gentlemen wish to sit here in the evening to talk, I have no objection; but I want my votes to be recorded exactly right. We did nothing yesterday morning but talk; nothing to amount to anything, but plenty of long speeches.

Mr. SCHLEY submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the convention take a recess daily, for at least one hour, before three o'clock, P. M., at which latter hour it shall re-assemble, except on Saturday.

Mr. ABBOTT moved to lay the order on the table.

Mr. ANNAN demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

Mr. BARRON. I rise to a point of order. If my order was out of order, that order is out of order.

Mr. MILLER. We cannot get at such an order as that without reconsidering a previous order entirely in conflict with it.

Mr. PUGH. I think this is in conflict with the order we adopted yesterday, to have evening sessions.

Mr. DANIEL. How does it interfere? We may have afternoon sessions, and evening sessions too.

Mr. SCHLEY. I do not see that that necessarily militates against the order adopted