

had been concluded. He desired to call the attention of the Convention to one thing, if it was in order. He heard the chairman make some remarks about the oath of office, but he did not know what they were.

The PRESIDENT stated that the chairman of the committee who reported this bill had informed the Chair that the section to which the gentleman referred had been waived, because there had been an oath of office adopted which he supposed covered the case. The ninth section had been passed over informally.

Mr. McHENRY moved the following as an additional section to the bill

Sec. Every bill, resolution or act, which shall have passed the General Assembly, shall before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor; if he approve he shall sign it, but if not, he shall return it with his objections, to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of each house shall agree to pass such bill, resolution or act, it shall become a law. But in all such cases the votes of both houses shall be taken by yeas and nays, which shall be entered on their respective journals. If any bill, resolution or act, shall not be returned by the Governor within five days after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall become a law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the General Assembly by its adjournment, prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

On motion of Mr. BOWIE, the further consideration of the report was postponed until tomorrow.

REPORTING FOR THE CONVENTION.

Mr. BOWIE, from the committee on Printing, submitted the following report:

The committee on printing to whom was referred the letter of Henry G. Wheeler, the Reporter to the Convention, beg leave to report, that the fund heretofore appropriated to meet the expense incurred in the reports of the debates of the Convention will soon be exhausted. When the contract was made with the Reporter, a majority, if not all of the committee, were of the opinion that the labors of the Convention would have terminated by the fifteenth day of March last, and this opinion it is believed was generally if not universally acquiesced in by the Convention itself. The only departure which is brought to the notice of the committee from the terms of the original contract, has occurred in some reports of speeches by the members themselves, which extended beyond the "sketches of debates," as expressed in the terms of the contract, whereby the extent and expense of said debates have been greatly increased, but this departure has been acquiesced in by the Convention to which the said contract was reported. The committee impressed with the importance of continuing the debates after having progressed so far, would recommend the adoption by the Convention of a resolution making a further appropriation of the sum of two thou-

sand dollars, which it is believed will fully meet this expense.

The committee in making this report must do the justice to the Reporter to add, that in the event of the refusal of the Convention to make the appropriation necessary to meet the expenses, he is willing to continue his individual labor in the service of the Convention without further compensation, but at the same time they cannot believe that the Convention would accept the said services without making ample remuneration.

All of which is submitted.

THOMAS F. BOWIE,
J. B. RICAUD,
A. RANDALL.

Resolved, That the President of this Convention pay to the order of Henry G. Wheeler, the Reporter of this Convention, such sums from time to time, as he shall obtain certificates from the committee on accounts, for reporting the debates of the Convention, provided the gross amount of said orders shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Mr. BOWIE said that he would merely state to the Convention, that if they should pass this resolution, it would not be an absolute appropriation of the whole \$2,000. It was merely to continue the reporting of the debates, at the rates which were mentioned in the original proposition. The whole of the fund being now exhausted, or being about to become so, unless this resolution should be passed, the reports must cease. There being no further funds with which to pay the Reporter, he would be obliged to sit there from day to day, without assistance, to get on as best he could under the original contract, or they must make further appropriations to enable him to obtain a sufficient number of assistants to carry on the reporting. If this proposition should be adopted, it would continue the reporting of the debates to the 20th day of May.

Mr. MAGRAW said that he was entirely ignorant of the terms of the contract, and if it could be had, he would like to hear it read.

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city, regretted to differ with his associates on the committee in regard to the subject-matter of the report just submitted. At present he would do no more than to have his dissent noted on the Journal. He had prepared a contra report, but he would not present it.

The contract was then read, (as requested by Mr. Magraw.)

Mr. MAGRAW said that many of the reported speeches published exceeded the limits that had been agreed upon by the Convention and Reporter; and he wished to inquire of the committee whether they had sanctioned the reporting of speeches by members themselves to the extent to which they had been reported? There were many speeches which occupied about fifteen minutes in their delivery, which had been reported in the debates, and it would take at least one hour to read them. He wished to know