

Mr. Hollyday submitted the following order, (the rules being suspended) :

Ordered, That John V. Lowe, the lamp-lighter, have leave of absence for a few days, to attend to pressing business ;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Page,

The Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the Report of the Committee upon the Judiciary Department.

Mr. Dent in the Chair.

After some time spent in Committee of the Whole,

(The President resumed the Chair.)

Mr. Dent, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole,

Reported that the Committee had had under consideration the Report of the Committee upon the Legislative Department, had made progress therein, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the Report of the Committee upon the Legislative Department.

Pending the consideration of the additional section No. 1, Supplementary Report,

Mr. Peters submitted the following amendment :

“After the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven.”

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following amendment as a substitute :

Strike out the section, and insert, “No other person, unless a white person, shall be competent as a witness, unless hereafter so declared by Act of Assembly, unless in cases where the negro is now permitted to testify in courts of justice.

On motion of Mr. Bateman,

The previous question was ordered.

The question then recurring on the substitute submitted by Mr. Mitchell,

Mr. Carter demanded the yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows :