

Pending discussion, the Convention, at 3.25 P. M., adjourned.

## TWELFTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1867.

Convention met at 12 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Leech.

The President laid before the Convention communications from the clerks of the different county commissioners, showing the following amounts paid for the purposes named: State's Attorney for Montgomery county for 1864, \$168.26; for 1865, \$64.95; 1866, \$539.93; clerk of Circuit Court for Baltimore county for 1866, \$2,594.85; State's Attorney of Baltimore county for 1864, \$2,880.66; for 1865, \$2,082.54; for 1866, \$2,519.53; clerk of Circuit Court for Montgomery county for 1866, \$1,403.08; clerk of Circuit Court for Washington county for 1866, \$1,328.52; school board for Washington county for 1866, \$1,776.80 Also, communications showing the aggregate amount of assessable property in the counties named, as ascertained under the late assessment: Baltimore county, \$43,614,134; Howard county, \$71,467,262; Anne Arundel county, \$11,447,372.

Also a communication from James D. Lowry, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Baltimore city, showing the total amount of revenue and expenses of that office for the times named: Total amount of revenue for the year ending November 30, 1862, \$182,797.25; for 1863, \$203,035.88; for 1864, \$224,877.37; for 1865, \$259,440; for 1866, \$264,336.76; anticipated revenue for six months, ending May 31, 1867, \$228,350—total \$1,362,838.26. Expenses incurred in conducting the clerk's office for the year ending November 30, 1862, \$8,367.77; for 1863, \$8,768.45; for 1864, \$9,730.40; for 1865, \$10,832.65; for 1866, \$10,686.20; for six months ending May 31, 1867, \$5,180—total \$53,564.97.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, the order presented by him requesting the committee on the legislative department to inquire into the expediency of inserting a provision in the constitution tending to ameliorate the con-