

The amendment of Mr. McKaig was lost.

Mr. Groome, of Cecil, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "ministry," in the tenth line, and inserting in lieu thereof, "Nor shall any person be deemed incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, nor as a witness or juror on account of defect in his religious belief, profession or practice, who believes in the existence of God, and that, under His dispensation, such person will be held morally accountable for his acts, and be rewarded or punished therefor either in this world or in the world to come."

After the reading of several amendments, which various gentlemen said they proposed to offer at a proper time—

On motion of Mr. Maulsby, all amendments pending, together with amendments of which notice had been given, to article 36 were referred to the committee on the Declaration of Rights, with instructions to report at the meeting of the Convention tomorrow.

The Convention then, at 3 o'clock, adjourned to 10.30 tomorrow.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1867.

Convention met at 10.30 A. M. In the absence of the chaplain, an appropriate prayer was offered up by the Hon. Isaac D. Jones.

Mr. Garey presented the petition of Captain Charles W. Gold, the commander of the miniature ship about to cross the ocean and to be exhibited at the Paris Exposition, asking the aid of the members in his undertaking.

Mr. Jones said the Convention could take no action on this petition, and moved that it be laid on the table, which was done.

Mr. Jones, from the committee on the Declaration of Rights, submitted the following:

"The undersigned, majority of the members of the committee on the Declaration of Rights, to which committee the amendments to article 36, offered in conven-