

Sparks, \$104.20; E. R. Petherbridge, \$2.45; witnesses, &c., \$2,614—total, \$11,483.74.

Mr. J. Hall Pleasants submitted the following, upon which he called the previous question:

*Ordered*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the question of removing the disability heretofore imposed on negroes to testify in courts of justice ought to be settled by this Convention, and that the constitution now being framed ought to contain a provision removing such disability.

The call for the previous question being sustained, the order was adopted, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Carmichael, Alvey, Bell, Bennett, Brent, Brooke, Brown, Buchanan, Carter, Chambers, Cover, Devries, Dobbin, Emach, Farnandis, Ferry, Finley, Flaherty, Ford, Frank, Galt, Garey, George, Gittings, Gill, Goldsborough of Talbot, Groome, Hall, Hayden, Horsey of Frederick, Howard, Howison, Janvier, Jones, Kennedy, Kilbourn, Lee, Longwell, Mackubin, Manro, Maulsby, McCormick, McKaig, Merryman, Motter, Murray, Miller, Page, Parker, John Parran, Pleasants, Pole, Ringgold, Stoddert, Syester, Vansant, Wallace, Walsh, Wethered and Whitman—60.

Nays—Messrs. Archer, Austin, Barnes, Bateman, Bradley, Brewer of Baltimore city, Brewer of Montgomery, Dorsey, Duvall, Evans, Franklin, Goldsborough of Dorchester, Hammond, Hoblitzell, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey of Somerset, Hubbard, Ireland, Jamison, Keating, Massey, McMaster, Mitchell, Morris, Nelson, C. S. Parran, Perry, Peters, Rennolds, Rider, Riggs, Ritchie, Silver, Spates, Tarr, Thomas, Toadvine, Watkins of Caroline, Wickes and Wilkinson—41.

Absent or not voting, 17.

Mr. Farnandis submitted the following:

*Ordered*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the provision for the admission of negro testimony be inserted in the article of the constitution on the legislative department.

Mr. Farnandis argued ably in favor of the proposition submitted by him. When principle was involved, com-