

ture in favor of it, and had been sent to the Convention after this, in opposition to his own wishes.

By common consent, on motion of Mr. Jones, leave of absence was granted for a few days to the President.

Without further action, the Convention adjourned until Monday.

TWENTIETH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, MONDAY JUNE 3, 1867.

The Convention met at 10½ o'clock, Hon. Joshua Vansant in the chair. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hammond.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from the clerk of the commissioners of Baltimore county, showing amounts paid, as follows: Registers of voters in Baltimore county for the years 1865 and 1866, \$2,763; clerks of registers \$1,176; printing lists of registered voters, \$2,178.50—total \$6,117.50. Also from clerk of commissioners of Anne Arundel county, showing amount paid registers and clerks for 1865 and 1866, \$1,659.40; printing lists of voters, \$751.25—total \$2,410.65.

Mr. McMaster presented the petition of W. F. Dennis, W. G. Gordy, and sixty others, in opposition to the formation of a new county out of parts of Somerset and Worcester counties.

The unfinished business was taken up, being the consideration of the order submitted by Mr. Archer, (not Mr. Farnandis, as heretofore reported,) recommitting the report of the committee on the legislative department, with instructions to report an additional section, "that no person shall be incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, except hereafter so declared by act of the General Assembly," and the pending question being on the amendment of Mr. Pleasants to strike out all after the word "color."

Mr. Barnes, of Baltimore city, addressed the Convention at some length on the subject. He remarked that on the first presentation of this question he deemed it eminently proper, and thought the constitution the place for it, but more mature reflection had satisfied him that it had no business in the constitution. He was con-