

ness. The salary had never been more than \$1,000, and he did not think the Convention should raise the salaries of offices of this kind.

Mr. Maulsby said the first Secretary of State was the late Cornelius McLean, and he received a salary of \$2,000. The salary of the office had been reduced, but the expenditure for the duties of that office had not been decreased.

Mr. Hollyday said he had been Secretary of State once, and he could assure gentlemen that a thousand dollars was scarcely enough to begin on.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Wethered moved to place the salary at \$1,400 per annum. He was in favor of every officer of the State of Maryland getting a due reward for his labors. It was impossible for any gentleman to live here at \$1,000.

Mr. McKaig said the Convention by its action had practically said that no person living out of Annapolis should fill the office of Secretary of State, as it would be impossible for any gentleman from the counties to come here on such a salary. He was in favor of consolidating the office of Secretary of State and Private Secretary to the Governor, and then giving to the Secretary of State a fair and reasonable compensation.

Mr. Mackubin moved an amendment, that the salary shall be \$2,000, the Secretary to reside at the seat of government and abolishing the office of Private Secretary to the Governor.

After considerable discussion the amendment of Mr. Mackubin was agreed to.

Section 23 was then read and slightly amended.

Mr. Stoddert moved a reconsideration of the section, pending which the Convention adjourned.

## TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1867.

Convention met at 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Leech. The roll was called and forty-eight members answered to their names.