

The Chair decided the point not well taken.

Mr. Wethered said it seemed to be decided that this question should be left to their constituents, and he therefore moved to lay the substitutes on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was defeated.

Mr. Carter accepted Mr. Groome's substitute, and substitutes were then offered by Mr. Bradley and Mr. Page.

Mr. Merrick raised the point that the whole report had been stricken out, and the substitutes could not be considered, not having been reported from a standing committee. The only motion that would be in order would be to introduce the propositions and then refer them to this committee.

Mr. Nelson said his point was identical with that made by the gentleman from Howard, and read from the 78th rule to sustain his position.

Considerable desultory discussion took place and other substitutes were offered, when Mr. Silver moved to postpone the whole subject indefinitely. Without further action the Convention adjourned.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1867.

The Chair presented a communication from the clerk of the Circuit Court of Washington county, showing the revenue of that office. Also a communication from L. Van Bokkelen, superintendent of public instruction, in response to charges which had been made in debate upon the floor of the Convention, which he considered derogatory to him, not only in an official, but personal capacity—repelling them, and asking for a hearing before the body.

The clerk was proceeding to read the communication, when

Mr. Mitchell moved that its further reading be dispensed with, and that it be not entered on the journal.

Mr. Dobbin thought it might be printed on the journal.

Mr. Mitchell said the public prints were open to this