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The Convention then, without further action adjourned.

#### FORTY-FOURTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, JULY 11.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leech.

Orders were submitted looking to the holding of two daily sessions, which were laid on the table.

Mr. Carter submitted the following, which was adopted:

*Ordered*, That on and after July 12, the hour of meeting of the Convention shall be 9 o'clock A. M.

The consideration of the report of the committee upon the legislative department was then proceeded with, the question being on the following, submitted yesterday by Mr. Thomas, to be inserted as an additional section:

"The General Assembly shall appropriate no money out of the treasury for the payment of any private claim against the State, unless said claim shall have been first presented to the comptroller of the treasury, together with the proofs on which the same is founded. The comptroller shall submit said claim to the Attorney General for his opinion on the justice thereof, and may direct the State's Attorney of any county or of the city of Baltimore to take such further proof either on the part of the State or of the claimant, as the Attorney General may advise to be necessary, to show the nature and character of said claim, and shall report his proceeding, with the proof taken, to the General Assembly."

Mr. Horsey submitted an amendment limiting the operation of the section to claims exceeding \$300, which was adopted.

Mr. Mackubin moved to strike out all after the word