

Mr. Brooke moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, and Mr. Nelson demanding the yeas and nays on the motion, it was agreed to by a vote of 70 to 29.

The Convention then adjourned.

FORTY-NINTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

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

Mr. Barnes submitted the following:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the rules of evidence, whether as to the testimony of negroes or others, ought to be prescribed by act of the General Assembly and not by the constitution.

Mr. Page moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The Chair said that under the rules resolutions must lie over for one day.

Mr. Garey rose to a point of order, that the Convention had already acted on this subject, and it could not be reached except by a motion to reconsider.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

Mr. Hammond submitted the following:

Section 1. At the election to be held for the adoption or rejection of this constitution, the judges of election shall open a book in each election district in those parts of Worcester and Somerset counties comprised within the following limits, viz: Beginning at the point where Mason and Dixon's line crosses the channel of the Pocomoke river, thence following said line to the channel of the Nanticoke river; thence, with the middle of said river, to Tangier Sound, or the intersection of Nanticoke and Wicomico rivers; thence up the channel of the Wicomico river to the mouth of Wicomico creek, at Dashield's or Disharoon's Mills; thence with the mill pond of said mills and branch, following the middle prong of said branch, to Meadow bridge, on the road dividing the counties of Somerset and Worcester, near the southwest corner of the farm of William P. Morris, thence due east to the Pocomo-