

members all over the hall express a desire for information on this subject, and gentlemen still expressed a desire for more light. He thought it but due to those gentlemen who desire to express their views that they should be heard, and this motion to cut off debate came with a bad grace from a delegation that had occupied so much of the time of this Convention, it having even taken a recess for their benefit without having received any light.

The motion of Mr. Stoddert was agreed to.

The committee then rose, and the Convention, at 9.15 P. M., adjourned.

### SEVENTY-THIRD DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.

The report of the committee to whom was referred all such parts of the present constitution as had not been referred to other committees was taken up on its third reading, and certain amendments of the committee on revision and compilation agreed to. The bill was then passed—yeas 96, nays 5.

Mr. Lee, from the committee on revision and compilation, reported that every article which had passed to a second reading had been reported by the committee, finally passed and adopted into the constitution. The only business before the Convention was the report of the committee on public works, now on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the vote passing the order providing for an adjournment on today, 15th instant, at two o'clock, was reconsidered and the order laid on the table.

The Convention then resolved itself into committee of the whole (Mr. Dent, of St. Mary's, in the chair) on the report of the committee on public works, the question being on the motion of Mr. Syester to strike out the third section, relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Mr. Stoddert took the floor and made an elaborate and able argument in favor of the section as reported. He contended that all experience had proved that public works could only be properly and efficiently carried on under private management.