

TUESDAY, December 3rd, 1850.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same members as on yesterday.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from A. L. Russell, Esquire, secretary to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, transmitting for the use of the Convention, a copy of the School Laws of Pennsylvania, and the last annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. James U. Dennis, gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote of the Convention upon the 1st and 2nd orders in the report of the committee on Printing, in relation to the debates and proceedings of the Convention, and which were stricken out of said report by a vote of the Convention of the 26th ultimo.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour, it was

Ordered, That the 14th standing committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting an article for the new constitution, securing an exemption of the homestead from execution in debt.

On motion of Mr. Hodson, it was

Ordered, That the 10th committee appointed "to consider and report respecting the power of the legislature on corporations, municipals, and others,—and on the power of the legislature to create debt," be requested to consider and report to this Convention the expediency of engrafting upon the constitution a provision that the legislature shall not create a debt, or order a tax to be levied for internal improvements, without first obtaining the consent of the people through the ballot box; and that any county, Howard district or the city of Baltimore, who may cast a majority of votes against the proposition, shall be exempt from all such debt or tax so proposed to be created or levied.

Mr. Sherwood, of Baltimore city, submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the clerks to the respective committees collect from the Journal such orders and resolutions as are referred for consideration, and record them for the information of the committees to which they are respectfully referred;

Which was read.

Mr. Ricard, moved to amend said order by adding at the end thereof the following:

"And add thereto from day to day such further orders, &c., as may be referred by the Convention;"

Which amendment was accepted by Mr. Sherwood, of Baltimore city;

The said order was then read as amended and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Biser,

The Convention resumed the consideration of the order of the