

chester, the Assistant Secretary, is detained at home by severe indisposition, and therefore unable at present to discharge the duties of his office.

Mr. Weber, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That no member or officer of this Convention shall hereafter be allowed his per diem when absent, unless his absence is occasioned by sickness.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Dorsey, submitted the following order :

Ordered. That standing committee No. 14, enquire into the expediency of reporting an article to be inserted in the constitution of this State, declaring all those parts of the acts of Assembly heretofore or hereafter to be passed, giving power to the Governor or any other person, to release interest on any debt or balance due to the State of Maryland for arrearages of taxes, to be null and void.

Which was twice read.

Mr. Ridgely, moved to amend said order by striking out all from the word "State," in the second line, to the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "restricting the Legislature from passing any law, authorising the Governor to remit any part of the public debt, and to prohibit the Governor hereafter from remitting the interest on the public debt."

Which amendment was read.

Mr. Sprigg, moved to amend said order by striking out all after the word "ordered," to the end thereof and inserting the following: "That the committee on the Executive Department, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of incorporating an article in the constitution, declaring that the Governor of this State shall in no case whatever, have the power of remitting any portion of either principal or interest of any debt or debts which may be due this State, except in cases of fines and forfeitures."

Which was read.

On the question being put, will the Convention accept said amendment? it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order as amended.

On motion of Mr. Sprigg,

Said order and amendments were referred to the committee on the Executive Department.

On motion of Mr. Presstman,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.