

FRIDAY, January 3rd, 1851.

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.

On motion of Mr. Sellman, it was

Ordered, That the Treasurer be requested to communicate to this Convention, at his earliest convenience, the amount of arrears of interest on taxes that has been remitted by the Executive, under the provisions of the act of 1842, chap. 207, specifying at the same time the dates when remissions of interest were made, and the names of the collectors to whom such remissions of interest were made.

On motion of Mr. Chandler, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the power of municipal and other corporations, inquire into the expediency of restraining the Legislature from passing any law to authorise any municipal corporation to extend or enlarge its limits, without the consent and approbation of the local authorities of the county, in which said municipal corporation is situated.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the imposition of fines greater in amount than fifty dollars, unless it shall be laid by a jury, who shall assess the fine at the same time they find the fact, if they believe the fine should exceed fifty dollars.

Mr. Chapman, the President of the Convention, who has been detained by indisposition, appeared in the Convention.

Mr. Stewart, of Balt. city, chairman of the committee on Printing, submitted the following report:

The committee who were instructed to inquire as to the terms at which a competent reporter could be employed, beg leave to report, that from the offers submitted, the services of a competent reporter can be secured for an amount not exceeding the sum of four thousand dollars; and the whole cost of reports, including printing, will not exceed eight thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID STEWART, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Jenifer, then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Printing, be authorised to employ immediately, Henry G. Wheeler, to report the debates and proceedings of this Convention, at a price not exceeding \$4,000;

Which was read.

Mr. Phelps, moved to postpone said resolution until Tuesday next, the 7th inst.;

After debate thereon,

Mr. Kilgour, moved the previous question,

And being seconded,