

• WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 1851.

The Convention met, (a quorum being present.)

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Thomas, moved that he be excused by the Convention from serving on the committee on the Judiciary, as he must be unavoidably absent for a few days.

On the question being put, on excusing him, it was Determined in the affirmative.

The President laid before the Convention, the following communication from His Excellency, Governor Lowe:

ANNAPOLIS, January 7th, 1851.

HON. JOHN G. CHAPMAN,

Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Convention now sitting, by which you are authorized to request of me a copy of my Inaugural Address for publication.

I herewith enclose a copy, in compliance with the desire of the Convention, and take occasion to express my due appreciation of the distinguished honor they have conferred. I take the liberty of sending a printed copy, rather than the manuscript, as the former may prove more convenient for the purpose.

Accept the assurance of my high regard and believe me, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. LOUIS LOWE.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Ware, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that Mr. Sherwood, of Baltimore city, is detained from his seat in the Convention by indisposition.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That the committee on Education, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing within the State, for an Institution to be called a Normal, or High School or College, to receive young men of promise and talent, with a view to educate them for the important office of teachers for Common or other Schools, so that Managers, or Superintendents, may not have to take the rejected of other States as principal conductors of our Schools, and further that the said committee also inquire into the expediency of recommending the appointment of a General Superintendent of Education.

Mr. Brent, of Baltimore city, rose to a question of privilege, and said he wished to make a personal explanation.

The President put the question to the Convention, whether the gentleman should be permitted to make a personal explanation, and it was

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Brent, of Baltimore city, having made his explanation,