

Mr. Presstman, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Legislature shall not pass any law to abolish the relation of master and slave as it now exists in this State, and that the committee on the Legislative Department be instructed to report an article to carry out this provision.

Which was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Merrick, submitted the following order :

Which was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, that committee No. 14, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing in the constitution for a Board of Public Works, to consist of a President and two members, to be chosen every third year, one member by the separate vote of each branch of the Legislature, and the President by joint ballot of both houses, the person thus elected President of said Board to receive always the vote of the State of Maryland for the office of President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the Legislature to provide suitable and adequate salaries for the persons composing said board.

Mr. Tuck, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be authorized to have a suitable index made to the journal of proceedings, and also to the debates of the Convention;

Which was read.

The President announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day,

Mr. Spencer, moved to postpone the order of the day;

Determined in the negative.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Merrick, as chairman of the committee on Representation, on the 11th ult.

The question before the Convention being upon the order offered by Mr. Gwinn on yesterday, as a substitute for the motion of Mr. Spencer, to recommit the report.

Mr. Gwinn, withdrew his order.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Spencer, to recommit the report.

Mr. Gwinn, withdrew the amendment offered by him on the 11th ult., as an amendment to the 2nd resolution, reported by the committee on Representation.

The question again recurred upon the motion of Mr. Spencer to recommit.

After debate thereon,

Mr. Biser, moved the previous question, that is :

“Shall the main question be now put?” and it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put on the motion of Mr. Spencer to recommit.