

less, to such alterations as have been made by the Legislature or as may be made by this Convention or any future Legislature.

Art. 38. That the liberty of the press ought to be inviolably preserved.

Art. 39. That monopolies are odious, contrary to the spirit of a free government and the principles of commerce, and ought not to be suffered..

Art. 40. That no title of nobility or hereditary honors, ought to be granted in this State

Art. 41. That this Declaration of Rights, or the Form of Government to be established by this Convention, or any part of either of them, ought not to be altered, changed or abolished, but in such manner as this Convention shall prescribe and direct."

The 1st article of said report having been read through,

Mr. Pressman, moved to amend said article by adding at the end thereof, the following :

"And they have at all times the unalienable right to alter, reform or abolish their form of government, in such manner as they may think expedient ;"

Mr. Hicks, moved to amend said amendment by adding at the end thereof, the following :

"And that any portion of the people of this State shall have the right to secede and unite themselves and the territory occupied by them to such adjoining State as they shall elect."

After debate thereon, at 3 o'clock, P. M.,

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

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WEDNESDAY, January 29th, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Dorsey. presented a petition of James Sykes, and others, praying that Howard District of Anne Arundel county, may be made a separate county, to be called "Howard county;,"

Which was read.

Mr. Dorsey moved that said petition be referred to the committee on Representation,