

TUESDAY, February 4th, 1851.

The Convention met,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

A quorum not being present,

Mr. Ridgely, moved that the Convention adjourn, and that the question be taken by yeas and nays, which being ordered appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.—

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, President, Blakistone, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Weems, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Miller, McLane, Sprigg, McCubbin, Spencer, Grason, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Sappington, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Hardcastle, Stewart, of Balt. city, Brent, of Balt. city, Ware, Kilgour, Brewer, Hollyday, Slicer and Fitzpatrick—39.

So the Convention refused to adjourn,

Mr. Kilgour, moved to enforce the call of the House under the 15th rule.

Determined in the negative.

It being ascertained that a quorum was present.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The President laid before the Convention the following communication from Jos. C. G. Kennedy, Esq., Superintendent of Census.

CENSUS OFFICE,

Washington, Feb. 3rd, 1851.

*To the President of Maryland State Convention :*

Sir,—I find by an examination of the official returns (to which my attention was called by a newspaper statement,) that an error exists in the returns made for Frederick county, of which the total population will not vary much from 40,941. I will send a more particular statement to-morrow. We have been much delayed in reconciling the inconsistencies existing between the returns made by the marshals of the population in the several sub divisions, and the number exhibited by the returns themselves.

I regret that the return has been made for Frederick, so much at variance with the facts, and hope no great inconvenience has resulted therefrom.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

JOS. C. G. KENNEDY.

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on Representation.

The President also laid before the Convention a communica-