

WEDNESDAY, February 5th, 1851.

The Convention met,
Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Dorsey, presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Howard District of Anne Arundel county, praying that said Howard District may be constituted a separate county, and

Mr. Donaldson also presented a petition of sundry citizens of said District, of similar import;

Which were severally read and referred to the select committee appointed on New Counties.

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

The question pending before the Convention on yesterday, being on the adoption of the 13th article as amended;

Mr. Donaldson, moved that the question upon this article be passed over informally;

Determined in the affirmative.

The 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th articles were severally read and adopted.

The 19th article was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Phelps,

The Convention reconsidered their vote just taken on said 19th article;

Mr. Dirickson, then moved to amend said 19th article by adding at the end thereof the following :

“And upon his trial his counsel shall have the privilege of making the closing address to the court or jury;”

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

“And that the State have the same right of challenging jurors that the accused has;”

Mr. Stewart, of Balt. city, moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Weems, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Chandler, John Dennis, Williams, Goldsborough, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Gaither, Pressman, Davis and Hollyday—25.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Chapman, President, Lee, Dalrymple, Bond, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely; Colston, Dashiell, Eccleston, Phelps, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, George, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Shriver, Sapping-