

MONDAY, February 10th, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, it was

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that H. J. Chandler, Esq., is detained from his seat in the Convention because of sickness in his family.

The Convention 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 being on the motion of Mr. Davis, to amend said report by inserting as an additional article, the amendment offered by him on Friday last, being in these words :

Article 42. "The Legislature shall encourage by all suitable means, associations for the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, for the promotion of literature, the arts and sciences, agriculture, commerce and manufactures, and for the general melioration of the wants and conditions of the people."

Mr. Davis withdrew this amendment, and substituted in lieu of it the following :

Article 42. The Legislature ought to encourage the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, the promotion of literature, the arts, sciences, agriculture, commerce and manufactures, and the general melioration of the wants and condition of the people;"

Which amendment was read and adopted.

Mr. George withdrew the amendments offered by him on Saturday last, and gave notice that when the report from the committee on the Legislative Department came up for consideration, he should offer said amendments to the report of that committee.

Mr. Parke then moved to amend said report of the committee on the Declaration of Rights, by inserting as the 43rd article, the following :

Article 43. This enumeration of rights shall not be construed to impair or deny others retained by the people;"

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kilgour, moved for the yeas and nays, which motion was not sustained.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the 13th article, which had heretofore been passed over informally;

Mr. Randall moved to amend said article by inserting after the word "property," in the 5th line, the words "within this State;"

(Mr. Spencer being in the chair,)