

WEDNESDAY, February, 19th, 1851.

The Convention met,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

The President laid before the Convention a petition of sundry citizens of the city of New York, praying the Convention to incorporate in the organic law of this State, a provision entirely, and forever prohibiting the drawing of Lotteries within the State of Maryland.

Which was read.

Mr. Donaldson, moved that said petition be entered on the Journal.

Mr. Shriver, moved that it be referred to the committee on the Legislative Department,

Mr. Thomas moved that said petition be laid on the table,

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, praying that a provision may be engrafted in the new constitution, that the privilege to sell intoxicating liquors shall not be granted to any person in any part of the State, except the same shall be sanctioned, or approved of by a majority of the voters in the election district where the same is to be sold;

Which was read,

Mr. Dorsey, moved that said petition be referred to a select committee;

Mr. Smith, moved that said petition be referred to committee No. 14.

Determined in the affirmative.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee on the Legislative Department, on the 25th ult.

The question pending before the Convention on yesterday, being on the amendment offered by Mr. Sprigg, to the amendment offered by Mr. Stewart, of Caroline;

Mr. Sprigg, withdrew the amendment offered by him.

Mr. Stewart, of Caroline, also withdrew his amendment.

The 16th section was then read,

Mr. Brown, moved to amend said section by striking out in the 1st line, these words, "the enacting clause of every bill shall be," and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

"That the style of all laws run thus;"

Mr. Schley, moved to amend said amendment, by striking out the words "run thus," and substituting in lieu thereof "of this State, shall be;"