

FRIDAY, February 21st, 1851.

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

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Ricaud, chairman of the select committee appointed to revise the Rules submitted the following

REPORT :

Strike out the 17th Rule and insert :

The previous question shall be always in order in Convention, and shall be in this form : "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present, and its effect shall be to put an end to all debate and to bring the Convention to a direct vote upon pending amendments and the section of the constitution then under consideration. On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the Convention shall be in order; but after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to a division of the main question.

RULE 18th.

On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question and pending such motion shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

The rules from 18th to 28th, to be altered numerically so as to correspond with this report.

Rule 29th to be repealed, and the following rule to be substituted :

A motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, to determine the priority of business or to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 30th.

Every amendment or motion may be divided into as many parts as it is susceptible of, and separate votes taken on each if required.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Morgan, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal that Mr. Hope-well is detained from his seat in this Convention, in consequence of the indisposition of a member of his family.

Mr. Kilgour, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That when this Convention shall adjourn, it stand adjourned over to Monday, the 24th inst., at 12 o'clock, in honor of the anniversary of the birth day of the illustrious George Washington.

Which was read,