

TUESDAY, February 25th, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Smith, chairman of the committee on Education, submitted the following report :

Section 1st. A permanent and adequate School Fund shall be established by the Legislature, so soon as the financial condition of the State shall justify it, the present fund for the support of Free and Common Schools, and all money stock and other property which may hereafter be appropriated for that purpose, or received into the Treasury under the provision of any law heretofore passed to augment the said fund, shall be securely invested and remain a perpetual fund, and the income thereof, shall be annually appropriated to the support of Public Schools, and it shall not be competent for the Legislature to borrow, appropriate or use the said fund or any part thereof, for any other purpose, under any pretence whatever.

Sec. 2nd. It shall be the duty of the Legislature, so soon as it may be compatible with the provisions of the foregoing section, to establish a uniform system of Common School Education.

Sec. 3rd. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State, every year, a Superintendent of Education or Common Schools whose duties and compensation shall be prescribed by the Legislature.

Sec. 4th. For the preparation of Teachers for such Schools, it shall be the further duty of the Legislature to establish a Normal School for the education of persons who may desire to become Teachers of Common Schools, and that each county shall be entitled to its distributive share, according to its present disposition by law.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carter, presented an account of James H. Fountain, clerk of Caroline county court, for services rendered under the order of the Convention.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Carter,

Referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The Convention 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.