

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Merrick.

After debate thereon, and

At 3 o'clock, P. M.,

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February, 27th, 1851.

The Convention met,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Gaither, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, praying that an article be inserted in the new constitution compelling all free persons of color, annually to give bond with responsible security to the State of Maryland, for their good behaviour, and in default thereof to leave the State.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Gaither,

Referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Biser, presented the petition of William H. Shield and 47 other citizens of Frederick county, praying for the erection of a new county, composed of Hauvers, Catoctin, Middletown, Petersville and Jefferson districts of said county, and the seat of justice to be decided by a majority of the legal voters of the contemplated county;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Biser,

Referred to the committee on New Counties.

Mr. Shriver, presented a petition of one hundred citizens of Catoctin district in Frederick county, protesting against the creation of a new county, from parts of Frederick and Washington counties, &c.,

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Shriver,

Referred to the committee on New Counties.