

prescribing a general rule of compensation to the parties who may be injured thereby;"

Which was read.

Mr. Bell, moved to amend said amendment by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :

"Provided, that all persons in the city petitioning for opening or closing such streets, lanes or alleys, shall pay all the expenses that may accrue for the same;"

Mr. Ridgely, moved to postpone the consideration of said section and amendment;

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Fitzpatick, moved to amend said report by adding at the end thereof as an additional section, the following :

"Sec. 41st. The Legislature shall at the second session after the adoption of this constitution, provide by law for exempting from execution not more than five hundred dollars worth of the household furniture, or other property belonging to each family in this State;"

Pending the question on this amendment,

Mr. Ricaud, moved the Convention adjourn ;

Determined in the affirmative.

And the Convention accordingly adjourned until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, March 3rd, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of Saturday were read.

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 ;

The question pending before the Convention on Saturday, being on the amendment offered by Mr. Fitzpatrick, as an additional section in the report.

Mr. Stewart, of Caroline, moved to amend said amendment by striking out the word "five," and inserting in lieu thereof "seven;"