

Mr. Dirickson, then moved to strike out the said 22nd section of said report ;

Mr. Dirickson, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Dent, Lee, Dashiell, Eccleston, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Gauthier, John Newcomer and Smith—10.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Blakistone, Pres't pro. tem., Hopewell, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Weems, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Crisfield, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Phelps, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Tuck, Grason, Shriver, Biser, Sappington, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Balt. city, Brent of Balt. city, Presstman, Ware, Fiery, Harbine, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Parke, Shower and Brown—59.

So the Convention refused to strike out the 22nd section.

On motion of Mr. Grason,

Said 22nd section was amended by striking out in the 1st line, the word "The," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "A."

The said 22nd section was then adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Sappington,

The Convention postponed the further consideration of the order of the day, to enable him to make the following report, as chairman of a select committee :

The committee appointed to enquire and report to this House whether or not it would be expedient to discharge some of the committee clerks and door-keepers, ask leave to report, that in their opinion, from the advanced condition of the business of this Convention,—most of the committees having made their reports,—it is no longer necessary or expedient to retain the services of the whole number of committee clerks. For this reason they recommend that the number be reduced. They conceive further that the duty impliedly devolves upon them to designate who of said committee clerks should be retained,—Mr. John W. Rider was appointed by a separate order of this Convention, clerk to the President and also to the committee on Accounts. His services will be required during the entire session of the Convention. Of the other committee clerks they recommend that Messrs. Geo. S. King, Samuel Peacock and Joseph Morritz, be retained.

They do not think that any of the door keepers should be discharged, as their services are still required.

In accordance with the above views, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That it being no longer necessary to retain in this Convention the services of the whole number of committee clerks