

TUESDAY, March 18th, 1851.

The Convention met,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Chapman, the honorable President, being confined by indisposition, and Mr. Blakistone, the President pro tem., having been called home,

Mr. Ware, moved that Mr. Buchanan take the Chair;

And the question being put by the Secretary, it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The roll having been called,

Mr. Bowie, rose in his seat, and having stated that Mr. Chapman, the Honorable President, being confined by indisposition, moved that the Convention proceed to the election of a President pro tempore;

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith moved the vote be taken viva voce,

Determined in the affirmative.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a President pro tem.

Mr. Bowie nominated the Honorable William Williams.

Mr. Shriver nominated the Honorable James M. Buchanan.

Mr. Smith moved that the Chair appoint tellers to count the vote and report the result.

Determined in the affirmative.

The Chair thereupon appointed Messrs. Phelps and Magraw tellers, to take the vote and report the result.

The tellers after taking the vote, reported that there were only fifty-one members that voted, which did not constitute a quorum.

The Honorable William Williams, being absent when his name was put in nomination, came in shortly after, and desired that he should be permitted to vote.

On his name being called, he voted for Mr. Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan, when his name was called, voted for Mr. Williams.

Messrs. Phelps and Magraw, the tellers, then reported to the Convention that there were fifty-three votes taken, of which number, the Hon. James M. Buchanan received thirty four votes, and the Hon. William Williams, received nineteen votes;

Whereupon the Hon. James M. Buchanan was duly elected President pro tem., and having returned thanks to the Convention, accordingly took the Chair.

The Proceedings of Saturday and Monday were read.

Mr. Chambers of Kent, in accordance with the notice given by