

THURSDAY, March 27th, 1851.

The Convention met,
Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The President laid before the Convention the following communication from Henry G. Wheeler, Esq., Reporter to the Convention.

ANNAPOLIS, March 26th, 1851

To the President of the Convention :

SIR :—I have the honor to request that you will lay before the the Convention the following statement :

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HENRY G. WHEELER, Reporter to the Con.

The undersigned feels it due to the Convention and to himself, to submit the following brief statement of the condition of the fund appropriated for the reporting of the debates.

The amount appropriated for that object was four thousand dollars. The sum already drawn from the fund, together with that due for debates not yet published, may be estimated at upwards of three thousand dollars. By the 5th of April, the appropriation will be nearly or quite exhausted.

Carrying out what he has assumed to be the general desire of the Convention, that the sentiments of members on the topics of Representation and the Judiciary system should be presented fully to the people, the undersigned provided himself some time since with the force requisite for that object.

When in January last, the undersigned entered upon the existing contract for "sketches of debates," it was his expectation, as it was understood to be, that of the Convention generally, that its labors would terminate by the fifteenth of March. That period has passed, and the termination of the session is still a matter of doubt.

In the performance of his contract, under many disadvantages, the undersigned feels that he has discharged his obligations faithfully—and he believes, generally speaking with satisfaction. The reports have been circulated throughout the State, and the public eye has been enabled to follow every movement of the Convention. The debates have never been allowed to accumulate forty-eight hours on the hands of the Reporter, and are now written up to Tuesday, March 24th.

As the time approaches when the appropriation will yield no further means, it will become necessary for the Convention to decide whether the present system of reporting shall be arrested when the fund is exhausted.

But the undersigned desires it to be understood, that in no event will he desert his post. Although he may be compelled to re-