

THURSDAY, April 3rd, 1851.

The Convention met,

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The President laid before the Convention the following communication from the Hon. Louis McLane:

To the Hon. JOHN G. CHAPMAN, President of the Con.

*Sir*: In consequence of the state of my health, which absolutely requires relaxation from my constant attendance upon the Convention, I have the honor to ask that leave of absence for two weeks may be granted to me?

I am, sir, with great respect,

LOUIS McLANE.

April 2, 1851.

Which was read.

On the question being put,

“Will the Convention grant the leave of absence asked?” it was Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Biser, presented a petition of 45 citizens of Haver’s District in Frederick county, asking that a clause be inserted in the constitution, restricting the sale of intoxicating liquors except it be approved by a majority of the voters in said district; and

Mr. Gaither, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Frederick county, of similar import.

Which were severally read, and

Referred to the select committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. Thomas gave notice that when the report of committee No. 14, creating a Board of Public Works, should come up for consideration, he should offer as a substitute for said report the following, which he desired should be entered upon the Journal and printed.

“At the first general election of Delegates of the General Assembly after the adoption of this Constitution, four commissioners shall be elected, as hereafter provided, who shall exercise a diligent and faithful Supervision on all Public Works, in which the State may be interested, as stockholder or creditor; and shall represent the State in all meetings of the stockholders, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, and shall each receive a salary to be fixed by law, which salary shall not be increased or diminished during their continuance in office.

That one of those commissioners shall be a resident at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident at least years next preceding his election in a district to be composed of the counties of Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll and