

FRIDAY, May 9th, 1851.

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

On motion of Mr. Weems,
The reading of the Journal of proceedings was dispensed with.
Mr. Weems, presented sundry accounts against the Convention;
Which were read, and
Referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Smith,
The Convention took up for consideration the report submitted by him on the 25th February last, as chairman of the committee on Education;

Mr. Ege, moved to amend said report by striking out from the beginning of 1st section, these words: "a permanent and adequate school fund shall be established by the Legislature, as soon as the financial condition of the State shall justify it," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following :

"A general common school system shall be established by the Legislature at their first meeting after the adoption of this constitution;"

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Davis,
Said report was amended by striking out in the 3rd line, 1st section, these words, "the present fund for the support of free and common schools;"

Mr. Davis, moved to amend said report by striking out in the 6th line the word "heretofore," and inserting in lieu thereof "hereafter to be;"

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Biser, moved to amend said report by inserting after the word "schools" in the 8th line, these words: "according to the white population throughout the State;"

Mr. Ridgely, moved to postpone said report indefinitely ;

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Ricaud, Lee, Sollers, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, McLane, Bowie, Sprigg, Spencer, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Balt. city, Brent, of Balt. city, Sherwood, of Balt. city, Ware, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Hollyday, Cockey and Brown—40.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell,