

SATURDAY, May 10th, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

On motion of Mr. Constable,

The reading of the Journal of Proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Constable submitted the following articles to the constitution.

1st. All rights vested and all liabilities incurred shall remain the same as if this constitution had not been adopted.

2nd. The Governor and all officers, Civil and Military, now holding commissions under the authority of this State, shall continue to hold and exercise their respective offices according to their present tenure, until they shall be superceded pursuant to the provisions of this constitution, and until their successors be duly qualified.

3rd. The Sheriffs of the several counties of this State and of the city of Baltimore respectively, shall give notice of the several elections authorised by this constitution in the same manner as they are directed by existing laws, to give notice of elections under the present constitution.

4th. This constitution if adopted by a majority of the legal votes cast on the first Wednesday of June 1851, shall go into operation on the fourth day of July 1851, and on and after said day shall supercede the present constitution of this State.

Which was read.

Mr. McMaster, moved to amend the 4th article by striking out the words "fourth day of July," and inserting in lieu thereof "first day of January;"

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Blakistone, moved to amend said 4th article by striking out the words, "by a majority of the legal votes cast," and inserting in lieu thereof "by a majority of the legal voters of the State, the same to be ascertained by the number of votes cast at the last election of President and Vice President of the United States;"

Mr. Harbine, moved the previous question, and being seconded

The question was then put on the amendment as offered by Mr. Blakistone, to the 4th article.

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, John Dennis, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—35.