

the constitution as having been engrossed and stated that after a careful examination, it had been found to correspond in all respects with the articles adopted by the convention.

Mr. Howard, moved that it be now signed by the President of the Convention and attested by the Secretary thereof.

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Sellman, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Constable, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Grason, George, Wright, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart, of Balt. City, Sherwood of Balt. city, Ware, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Hollyday, Parke and Shower—40.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Morgan, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Weems, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Tuck, Sprigg, Spencer, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs and Waters—22.

So the motion was adopted.

Mr. John Dennis, moved to reconsider the vote of the Convention just taken on said constitution ;

Mr. Ridgely, moved to lay the motion on the table ;

Determined in the affirmative.

The constitution was then signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary thereof in presence of the convention.

At half past 1 o'clock at night, Mr. Howard, moved the convention adjourn sine die.

The President arose and delivered the following address.

Gentlemen of the Convention:

In proceeding to perform the last public act imposed upon me as the presiding officer of this body, my own inclinations, sanctioned by the authority of a time-honored custom impel me to the utterance of a few brief parting words.

Our labors are ended. The sands of our political existence are well-nigh run out. Its very grains are numbered—the peaceful revolution which brought us together terminates here, and now; and we, the actors in this eventful scene, are about to separate to our distant homes, some of us to meet no more forever.

It is meet and decorous that, in a time so solemn, the tumult of the political elements should be hushed for a moment—that we should breathe in each others ears the accents of peace—and, in the presence of God and our country, wipe out from our hearts the memory of every embittered feeling which may have found an abiding place there.

Representatives of Maryland—christians—gentlemen—I invite you to this common sacrifice on a common altar!