

section of the act entitled, "an act to provide for the taking of the sense of the people upon the expediency of calling a Convention, to frame a new Constitution and form of government for this State, and to provide for the election of delegates to such Convention," passed at the December session 1849.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

PHILIP F. THOMAS.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Blakistone, laid on the table.

Mr. Phelps, submitted the following preamble and order:

Whereas, in the formation of a new Constitution and form of government, due regard should be paid to wholesome economy in the public expenditure.

And whereas, the continuation of Biennial sessions of the Legislature will save to the State from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars annually; and whereas, Biennial sessions would greatly subserve the public interest by rendering our State policy more stable, and our laws more permanent; and whereas, the ascertained will of the people, when calmly and dispassionately expressed, upon any great question of State policy, is always entitled to the highest respect and consideration; and whereas, at the October election held in this State, in the year 1846, the sense of the people was taken upon this question in obedience to law, and out of 55,646 votes cast, there was declared to be 4,646 majority in favor of Biennial sessions of the General Assembly; and whereas, this Convention has no evidence before it, by petition or otherwise, of any adverse change of the popular sentiment upon this great question; and whereas, it is important that the committee upon the Legislative Department of the government should know the opinion of the Convention, upon this subject, that they may be the better prepared to conform their report, to the policy of this body upon the question,

Therefore, Ordered, That the committee upon the Legislative Department of the government, be, and they are hereby instructed, and directed to report in favor of Biennial sessions of the General Assembly of this State.

Which was read.

Mr. Biser, moved to amend said order by striking out the word "instructed" and inserting in lieu thereof, "inquire into the expediency;"

Mr. Tuck, moved to postpone said order and amendment until Tuesday next, the 3rd December.

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Chambers, of Kent, it was

Resolved, That when the Convention shall adjourn to day, it be adjourned until Friday morning 29th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the report submitted on the 20th inst., by Mr Stewart, of Balt. city, chairman of the committee on Reporting and Printing, in relation to the debates and proceedings of the Convention.