

a provision establishing representation on the basis of population.

And, pending the question, (and Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, being entitled to the floor,)

The Convention adjourned.

MONDAY, January 27th, 1851.

The Convention met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

The roll was called, and, after some time, a quorum being present, the journal of Saturday was read and approved.

#### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Mr. DIRICKSON said, that before the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the business before it, he desired to submit an order with a view to its being entered on the journal. On Friday last, he and a friend who accompanied him, had been unavoidably detained from their seats. He saw that, in his absence, a most important vote had been taken. He referred to the vote upon the proposition of the gentleman from St. Mary's, (Mr. Blakistone,) in regard to the basis of representation. As he, (Mr. D.) regarded this as one of the most important and vital questions that would agitate this body, and as one upon which, therefore, every member ought to be heard, at least so far as his vote was concerned, he would ask that the votes of himself and the gentleman from Kent, (Mr. Lee,) might be permitted, under the courtesy of the Convention, to appear upon the journal; and with this object in view, he would offer the following order:

"Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal that Messrs. John Lee, of Kent, and L. L. Dirickson, of Worcester, vote in the negative upon the proposition submitted as a substitute by Mr. Blakistone, of St. Mary's, on Friday last, which said motion is in the following words—That the committee on Representation and Apportionment be requested to report a plan of apportionment and representation—making numbers exclusively the basis of representation to the House of Delegates."

The order was adopted.

Mr. PARKE called the attention of the Convention to the fact, that he had on Saturday last, given notice of sundry amendments to the report of the committee on the Bills of Rights. His object in so doing, he said, was to have them put upon the journal, in order that members might have an opportunity of examining them. He found that they had not been spread upon the journal, and he would now offer the following order:

"Ordered, That the proposed amendments to the report of the committee on the Declaration of Rights, submitted by Mr. Parke, on Saturday last, be entered on the journal."

The PRESIDENT, after an explanation as to the course adopted in relation to such matters, desired that the sense of the Convention should be

taken, whether such amendments should be printed upon the journal, and in bill form likewise.

Some conversation followed.

Mr. SPENCER made a suggestion in relation to the appropriate distribution of matter, ordered to be printed to the several contractors.

This led to some further conversation, when Mr. WEBER offered the following as a substitute for the order of Mr. PARKE:

"Ordered, That all reports of articles for the Constitution, and all proposed amendments, shall be printed on the journal."

Mr. WEBER briefly stated his reasons, after which

Mr. PARKE accepted the substitute as a modification of his own proposition.

And, after some further conversation, the substitute was rejected.

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, the Convention reconsidered the said vote.

On motion of Mr. C., the said order was amended by striking out the words "and all proposed amendments;"

And, as thus amended, the order was adopted.

#### THE EXTRA JOURNALS.

The PRESIDENT announced the unfinished business of the morning hour to be the consideration of the following order heretofore offered by Mr. THAWLEY:

"Ordered That the order adopted some weeks past, authorising the printing of four extra journals for each member of this Convention be rescinded."

Mr. SPENCER had, on Saturday, made a motion to lay the order temporarily on the table, in order to give to the chairman of the committee on printing, (Mr. Stewart, of Baltimore,) who was not then in the city, an opportunity to make an explanation upon one point as to which a difference of opinion seemed to exist, to wit—whether or not there was any contract with the printers. Mr. STEWART being now in his seat, Mr. SPENCER withdrew his motion to lay on the table.

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city, made an explanation, setting forth the action of the committee upon the matter of the extra journals. The point of it was this; no contract had been made (Mr. S. said) with the printers. Before the recess, he had informed them that they must not supply these extra copies under any impression that there was a contract—the whole matter being within the control of the Convention. After the Convention had re-assembled, he told them, as no reporter had yet been appointed, that they might go on and still supply them. Subsequently, some ten days since, he had brought the subject to the consideration of the Committee as he felt it his duty to do. A reporter had been appointed; the system of reporting the debates and proceedings was in full operation; and he (Mr. S.) did not suppose that the same necessity existed for the extra journals. The committee, upon a computation of the cost, which was not large, came to the conclusion that they would allow the printing of the extra copies to be continued, until such time as the Convention