

should think proper, by its higher authority, to interfere and arrest it. Personally, he had no need of these copies; but the committee thought that as nine copies only of the Register of Debates were apportioned to each member, it might be well that these extra Journals should be continued.

After some conversation the question was taken on the motion of Mr. THAWLEY, (the yeas and nays having heretofore been ordered,) and resulted as follows:

Affirmative.—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Ricaud, Sellman, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Dickinson, Colston, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, Miller, Spencer, George, Wright, Dirickson, Hearn, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Brewer, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown.—47.

Negative.—Messrs. Blakistone, Dent, Hope-well, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Wells, Randall, Jennifer, Lloyd, Hicks, Goldsborough, McLane, Sprigg, McCubbin, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Gaither, Magraw, Pressman, Harbine, Waters and Weber—23.

So the order to rescind was adopted.

Mr. BLAKISTONE rose, he said, to offer a resolution rendered absolutely necessary, in his judgment, by the order which the Convention had just adopted; unless the Convention agreed to some such proposition, he did not know how prompt and immediate information of the proceedings here, could be given to the people throughout the State.

The order was read as follows :

“Ordered, That the committee on Printing be instructed to direct the printer of the journal to forward one copy of the journal of proceedings of the Convention, to the editors of newspapers in the several counties in this State and the city of Baltimore.”

Mr. BROWN. How many newspapers are there?

Mr. BLAKISTONE. I do not know, nor do I care.

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city. I am happy to have it in my power to give some information on this point from the committee on Printing. I think the object of my friend from St. Mary's (Mr. Blakistone,) good and proper, and such as should recommend his proposition to the favor of gentlemen on all sides of the House. That object, however—the diffusion of knowledge of our proceedings among the people—will be accomplished in a better way, by an expedient to which the committee on Printing has already resorted. The committee set apart, out of the surplus numbers left of the copies printed under the order of the Convention, one copy of the Register of Debates, for every newspaper in the State—amounting, I believe, to an aggregate of fifty-five. The clerk of the committee has made out a list, and been specially charged with the

performance of this duty; so that the people will be furnished day by day with accurate knowledge of every step of our progress here. This was done ten days ago, and it seems to me, therefore, that the adoption of the resolution of the gentleman from St. Mary's is unnecessary.

Mr. DENT suggested, that the newspapers could obtain an out-line of proceedings here sooner from the Journal, than from the Register of Debates.

The question was then taken, and by yeas 34, noes 26, the order was adopted.

The PRESIDENT announced that the hour set apart for the consideration of the order of the day, had arrived.

Mr. BLAKISTONE, by leave, gave notice that he should, to-morrow, move to change the 17th rule, and also to rescind the 29th rule.

THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

The PRESIDENT announced that the first in the order of the day, was the report of the committee on the elective franchise, the consideration of which, had been postponed to this day.

Mr. McLANE hoped, he said, that the gentleman from Kent, (Mr. Chambers,) would consent to postpone the consideration of this report until to-morrow. The printed report had been laid on the tables of the members only this morning, and no time had been afforded for an examination of it. He, [Mr. McL.,] desired to offer an amendment, but was not able to do so without paying more attention to the report than he could at present; and he was not sure that, after a proper examination, he should be disposed to offer any amendment.

He would also suggest, that the report did not appear to contain the amendments of the gentleman from Anne Arundel, not now in his seat. It was, therefore, imperfect; and he, (Mr. McL.,) wished to have an opportunity of passing upon these amendments.

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city. To what amendments does the gentleman allude?

Mr. McLANE. To the amendments of Mr. DORSEY.

Mr. STEWART. They were rejected in committee of the whole, and not, therefore, reported to the Convention.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent. I have only to say that I concur entirely in the opinion of the gentleman from Cecil, [Mr. McLane.] I would, however, suggest a general postponement, instead of a postponement until to-morrow.

The PRESIDENT. The amendments which were offered by the gentleman from Anne Arundel, (Mr. Dorsey,) were acted upon in committee; and are no longer before the Convention; and the Secretary did not think it necessary or competent for him to have them printed. The order embraced only pending amendments, or amendments that might be offered, and of which notice was given.

Mr. McLANE, (to the President.) Are the amendments of the gentleman from Anne Arundel on the Journal?

The PRESIDENT. The Secretary informs the Chair that they are.