

# GENERAL SKETCHES OF DEBATES,

PREPARED EXPRESSLY, AS SUCH,  
BY ORDER OF THE CONVENTION.

MONDAY, January 13, 1851.

The Convention met (a quorum being present.)  
Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

HENRY G. WHEELER, appointed under the order of the Convention, official Reporter of its debates (under certain restrictions and limitations) appeared and took his seat.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of Saturday, being the motion of Mr. WEEMS, to reconsider the vote of the Convention upon the order submitted by Mr. THOMAS, on the 8th instant, in relation to the preparation of the Map of the State, &c.

Mr. MORGAN moved to postpone the consideration of the same until to-morrow.

Mr. SRAIVER moved that the consideration of the same be postponed until Thursday, 16th inst.

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary of this Convention direct such of the committee clerks as he may think proper; to add up the census returns for the use of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. GWINN, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that Mr. MARRIOTT, a committee clerk to this Convention, is detained from this Convention by indisposition.

On motion of Mr. HARBINE, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that Mr. MICHAEL NEWCOMER, a member of this Convention, is detained from the Convention by indisposition.

On motion of Mr. HEARN, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that Mr. JACOB, a member of this Convention, is detained from his seat by indisposition.

Mr. NEILL presented the petition of sundry citizens, members of the Mennonite Church, praying that the Convention will take into consideration, the necessity of making provisions in the Constitution for such societies and such persons who are conscientious in bearing arms, swearing the oath and serving as Jurors, &c.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. NEILL, referred to committee No. 14.

## THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

On motion of Mr. PHELPS, the Convention again resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. BLAKISTONE in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the Elective Franchise.

The question before the committee being upon the amendment offered by Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, to insert in the first section, second line; the words "for six months," in lieu of the words "for thirty days," (which had been previously stricken out by the vote of the Convention.)

Mr. BISER called the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and having been taken, were as follows:

*Affirmative.*—Messrs. Dent, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Bond, John Dennis, Jas. U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Phelps, Sprigg, McCubben, McMaster and Hearn—24.

*Negative.*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Dalrymple Sollers, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgley, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Grason, George, Dirickson, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbaine, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Park, Shower, Cockey, and Brown—53.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, moved to amend the said report, as hereinafter stated:

Mr. DORSEY said that in addition to what had fallen from him on a former occasion, he would now add but a few remarks. Since the adjournment of this Convention on Saturday, he had been informed of a fact, of which he was before ignorant, that increased his convictions of the expediency, nay, necessity, of filling up the blank in the manner proposed. He had learned from a gentleman in whom he reposed confidence, that this corrupting vice, of political partizans paying out of their own or party funds raised for that purpose, the costs of naturalization papers of foreigners becoming citi-