

in that interpretation of them of which that gentleman complained. Mr. DONALDSON referred to page 52 of the Register of Debates, in which the gentleman from Frederick is made, in express words, to assent to the remark of the gentleman from Kent, (Mr. Chambers.) Such, too, was his, (Mr. D's.) understanding, at the time; and he had not had the slightest idea of perverting the meaning of the gentleman from Frederick—nothing could be further from his intention or desire. Of course he did not now mean to controvert the statement of that gentleman in regard to the words he used, or his own meaning in using them. He merely rose to show that he, (Mr. D.) had not intentionally misconstrued the remarks made, or which he supposed had been made by the gentleman from Frederick.

The journal of yesterday was then read and approved.

#### THE CONVENTION AND ITS BUSINESS.

Mr. GWINN rose and said, that upon consultation with several gentlemen of the Convention, he had decided to modify the resolution of which he had given notice, so far as to put it into the following form:

*Resolved.* That the Convention will hereafter meet at ten o'clock, and that no motion to adjourn, shall be in order before three o'clock.

The resolution having been read,

Mr. GWINN demanded the previous question.

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city, asked the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. SMITH requested Mr. GWINN to withdraw the demand for the previous question, for a moment.

Mr. GWINN declined to withdraw.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, rose to a question of order. He submitted that by a rule of the House, a motion to adjourn was always in order, and that this was a proposition to repeal that rule.

The PRESIDENT. The chair thinks that the last part of the order, will be entirely nonoperative and void; because every parliamentary body can adjourn at any time it pleases. If the resolution should be adopted, the Convention could *non obstante*, adjourn the next moment.

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city, called for a division of the question.

Some conversation followed on the point of order, as to the divisibility of the resolution under the rule.

The PRESIDENT decided that it was in order to divide the resolution.

—And a division was ordered.

The question was then stated to be on the first branch of the resolution, to wit: that hereafter the hour of the daily meeting of the Convention, should be ten o'clock.

The yeas and nays were then ordered.

Mr. SPRIGGS. I desire, with the permission of the Convention, to put an enquiry to the gentleman from Baltimore city, (Mr. Gwinn.) Has the gentleman abandoned the pledge which he yesterday gave, that he would to-day offer a re-

solution pending that the Convention shall adjourn, *sine die*, in five weeks from this time?

Mr. GWINN. My own individual opinions have undergone no change. But, when I rose to offer the resolution now before the Convention, I stated that different gentlemen had expressed their opinion, that the business of the Convention would be better promoted by the substitute. If this substitute should be adopted, and if within a few days, I shall find that it does not facilitate the transaction of the public business, I shall then fall back upon the original proposition of which I gave notice yesterday, and shall introduce it. I have postponed it for the present, in deference to the wishes of others. Is the gentleman satisfied?

The question on the first branch of the resolution of Mr. GWINN, was then taken, and was decided in the affirmative, yeas 44, nays 23.

So the first branch of the resolution was adopted, and the Convention decided that hereafter the daily hour of meeting, should be ten o'clock.

The question then recurred on the second branch of the resolution, (prohibiting a motion to adjourn before the hour of three o'clock.)

Mr. GWINN desired, he said, to withdraw the second branch of the amendment.

The PRESIDENT said, if no objection was made, the gentleman could withdraw it.

No objection having been made,

The second branch of the resolution was withdrawn.

#### EVENING SESSIONS.

Mr. MITCHELL offered the following order:

*Resolved.* That after to-day the Convention will meet every evening at half-past four o'clock.

The order having been read,

Mr. MITCHELL demanded the previous question.

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city, asked the yeas and nays on the adoption of the order, which were ordered.

There was a second to the demand for the previous question, and the main question was ordered, and having been taken, the resolution, by yeas 33, nays 35, was rejected.

#### THE RULES.

The PRESIDENT announced the following gentlemen as composing the committee which had yesterday been ordered to be appointed, to revise the rules, and report such alterations and amendments thereto, as they might think expedient.

Messrs. RICAUD, SCHLEY, BUCHANAN, BROWN and MORGAN.

#### THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Mr. FIERY, the Convention resumed the consideration of the special order of the day, being the report heretofore submitted by Mr. JOHNSON, as chairman of the committee on the Legislative department.

The fifth section (see yesterday's Registry,) being under consideration,

Mr. THOMAS had moved to amend it by inserting after the word "day," in the second line, the