

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.* It is.

Mr. SOLLERS demanded the previous question. There was a second. The main question was ordered to be now taken, (being on the second branch of the amendment of Mr. DORSEY,) in these words, "or express legislation passed before the perpetration of the crime."

The question was then taken, and the result was as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Blakistone, President, *pro tem.*, Dent, Hopewell, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Dalrymple, Bond, Sollers, Brent of Charles, Crisfield, Hodson, Sprigg, Bowling, and Davis—18.

*Negative*—Messrs. Ricaud, Lee, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Dashiell, Hicks, Eccleston, Constable, Miller, McLane, McCubbin, Spencer, Grason, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neil, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Parke, Ege, and Brown—51.

So the last branch of the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred on the section as amended—and it was adopted.

Mr. SOLLERS, (who had called the previous question under a misunderstanding of its effect,) desired to offer the amendment of which he had given notice.

Mr. DONALDSON [with a view to offer amendments contemplated by him] moved a re-consideration of the vote just taken.

Mr. DIRICKSON asked the gentleman to state what the amendments were.

Mr. DONALDSON explained.

The question was stated to be on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. JENIFER said:

He should oppose the motion to reconsider, notwithstanding the disposition he always felt to show courtesy to gentlemen in motions of this kind.

He thought that the Convention, so far as it had gone, had shown too great a disposition to restrict the Executive, and to take away from him powers which belonged to him, and which the interests of the State did not require should be lodged elsewhere. It seemed as if the Convention designed to make an automaton of the Governor, and nothing more.

Mr. SOLLERS said:

That if the gentleman from Charles, (Mr. Jenifer,) thought that he wished to strip the Executive of any power, he was mistaken. He did not belong to that new fangled school which went for cutting down every thing. His only object was to guard the power against abuse. He then stated a case of extreme hardship, in which the executive had been deceived by numerous signed petitions from Calvert, into granting a *nolle prosequi*, by which a man against whom a suit and judgment for the crime of forgery had

been obtained by a young lawyer, who died very suddenly, escaped from the law, and an imputation was cast on the reputation of the young gentleman who had obtained the judgment, that he had received the money from the forger and dissipated it.

That was the reason for the amendment which he had proposed requiring the publication of the names of the signers of petitions asking for the pardon of criminals.

Mr. JENIFER referred to a case of a different character, to show that such publication might act injuriously.

The question was then taken, and

The motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The Convention then adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, March 12th, 1851.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GFAUFF.

The journal of yesterday was read, and, after being amended,

On motion of Mr. CRISFIELD, by substituting the word "recess," for the word "adjournment," in the amendment offered by him, was approved.

#### DOORKEEPERS.

Mr. SAPPINGTON submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That a select committee be appointed and instructed to enquire and report to this House whether or not it would not be expedient to discharge some of the doorkeepers and committee clerks.

On motion of Mr. SAPPINGTON, the special committee was ordered to consist of three members.

Mr. MAGRAW moved to lay the order on the table.

Mr. SAPPINGTON asked for the ayes and noes, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. MAGRAW, to lay the order on the table, when it was decided in the negative, as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Blakistone, President, *pro tem.*, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Kent, Dalrymple, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Chandler, Dashiell, Hicks, Eccleston, Sprigg, Bowling, Grason, Dirickson, McMaster, Annan, Magraw and Kilgour—24.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Dorsey, Wells, Sellman, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McCubbin, Spencer, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Sappington, Nelson, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Parke, Cockey and Brown—32.