

"Whenever a question shall have been decided by yeas and nays, no motion to reconsider shall prevail, unless there shall be cast in favor of a reconsideration a larger number of votes than those of the majority or original vote."

Mr. BROWN moved that the Convention take up for consideration the second section of the report of the committee on the Executive department, for the purpose of making it the order of the day for Thursday next."

Pending the question on this motion, The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, March 15th, 1851.

The Convention met at ten o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

The roll of the members was called.

There was no quorum present.

Mr. PHELPS moved that there be a call of the Convention.

Five members having sustained the motion, (as required by the rule,) a call of the Convention was ordered.

The roll was called.

And the names of the absentees were then again called.

When the name of Mr. CHANDLER was called, The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, rose and stated to the Convention, that he had been requested by Mr. CHANDLER, to inform the Convention, that he had been called home by the illness of a member of his family.

The doorkeeper was sent to notify the absent members to attend; and, in a short time, he returned and stated, through the PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, that he had performed his duty.

Subsequently the doors were locked, and the Sergeant-at-arms, was sent to bring in the absent members.

After some proceedings, and a good deal of fun, (no quorum having been obtained,)

The Convention adjourned until Monday morning at ten o'clock.

MONDAY, March 17, 1851.

The Convention met at ten o'clock.

At a quarter before twelve o'clock,

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

No quorum was present.

Mr. PHELPS rose and said, it was intimated by gentlemen near him, that a quorum was in the city. By calling the roll, and sending the doorkeeper to notify such members as might be in the city to attend, it was probable that the attendance of a quorum might be obtained.

The roll was accordingly called.

Thirty-four members only answered to their names.

Mr. PHELPS moved that the doorkeeper be sent to notify the absent members to attend.

Mr. BOWIE. Of what use will it be? There is no quorum in the city.

Mr. PHELPS. I understood there was.

Mr. BOWIE. Oh, no! Only four or five members came down by the cars. I move, (addressing the Secretary in the absence of the President, *pro tem.*) that this Convention do now adjourn.

Mr. SHRIVER moved that the names of those present be entered on the journal, and that the SECRETARY put the question on the motion to adjourn.

The SECRETARY stated the question to be on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. PHELPS asked the yeas and nays, which after some conversation on a point of order, were taken, and

Were yeas 18, nays 25.

So the Convention refused to adjourn.

And, the motion having been renewed and decided in the affirmative,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, March 18, 1851.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRIFFITH.

Mr. WARE rose and moved, that in the absence of the PRESIDENT of the Convention, Mr. BUCHANAN, of Baltimore county take the Chair.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. BUCHANAN thereupon took the Chair.

The roll of the members was called.

Forty-seven members answered to their names.

After some time, fifty members were reported to be present.

Not a quorum.

Mr. SMITH said that there were, to his knowledge, other members of the Convention in the city not now in their seats. He would, therefore, move that there be a call of the Convention.

The roll was called and a quorum was ascertained to be present.

THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. BOWIE rose and stated that a letter had been received from General CHAPMAN, President of the Convention, stating that he was detained from the Convention by a serious accident. It would, therefore, be necessary to go into the election of a PRESIDENT, *pro tem.* And he, (Mr. B.) moved that the Convention now go into an election.

The question was taken,

And the motion was agreed to.

Mr. BOWIE nominated Mr. WILLIAMS, of Somerset.

Mr. SHRIVER nominated Mr. BUCHANAN, of Baltimore county, (the present Chairman.)