

it suggested also, that if the previous question is called in the House, it will cut off all amendments lost in committee of the whole. Again, if a gentleman knows that a proposition has been voted down in Committee, by a record vote, he will not renew it in Convention, because no object can be attained by doing so.

Mr. SOLLERS explained that his only aim was to save time, and that when gentlemen reflected on the objects for which this Convention had assembled, it seemed to him they could not hesitate as to the propriety of adopting this amendment.

The question was then taken on the first branch of the amendment, and it was agreed to.

And the question recurring on the second branch of the amendment, (prohibiting the yeas and nays in committee of the whole.)

Messrs. JOHN NEWCOMER and HARBINE called the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows:

**Affirmative.**—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Dalrymple, Bond, Sollers, Brent of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Buchanan, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Williams, Hodson, Goldsborough, Phelps, Tuck, Grason, George, Wright, McMaster, Hearn, Jacobs, Annan, Harcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Ware, Davis, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick and Smith—46.

**Negative.**—Messrs. Dent, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Dashiell, Eccleston, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, McLane, Bowie, Sprigg, Spencer, Fooks, Shriver, Biser, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Pressman, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Parke and Cockey—29.

So the amendment was adopted.

#### DOUBLE SESSIONS, &c.

Mr. FIERY offered the following resolution:

**Resolved,** That from and after Monday, the 27th inst., the Convention shall hold morning and evening sessions; the former commencing at ten o'clock, and the latter at three o'clock.

The resolution having been read,

Mr. PRESSMAN moved that it be laid on the table.

Mr. FIERY requested that the motion might be withdrawn.

Mr. PRESSMAN. I am so unwilling to refuse any request which my friend may make, that I will withdraw the motion, if he will renew it after he has submitted such remarks as he may desire to offer.

Mr. FIERY. I will do so.

Mr. PRESSMAN. I withdraw the motion.

Mr. FIERY. I simply wish to say, that this order, if adopted, will not take effect until next Monday week. I desire that the committees shall have time to make their reports, and that all the members of this Convention who are solicitous to discharge the duties for which they have been sent here, should go to work earnestly

and immediately. I anticipate a great deal of talking. Certainly, if we are to judge of the future by the past, this anticipation will be realized. I desire that all gentlemen who wish to express their sentiments should have the privilege of doing so; but I think that we are in duty bound to adopt this resolution.

I do not entertain any feeling of jealousy or ill will towards any member of this body. All I desire is that we shall make the most rapid progress in the business of the Convention, that is consistent with a sound and enlightened action. Nothing, I believe, will more effectually tend to accomplish that object than that members should have the opportunities for discussion and for the comparison of their views, which my resolution proposes to give them.

Mr. BUCHANAN said it seemed to him that the committees should have time to consider and prepare their reports before they were called upon to make them. The committee on the Judiciary, for example, was in session many hours, and would have to be in session hereafter at various periods during the day, and if this proposition was to be adopted, he thought that the Chairman of the committee should ask (and if that gentleman did not, he (Mr. B.) would ask,) that the committee should be discharged from further service. Certainly, the committee never could, under a resolution of this character, discharge its duty to itself and to the Convention.

Now, he believed, that all the members of this body were anxious to save time. But there were various opinions about the mode in which that object could be effected. His proposition was, to meet together in small numbers, about the size of one of the ordinary committees, to do the work whilst there; and the same necessity would not then exist for the "talking" which his friend (Mr. FIERY) so much and so well apprehended the danger. Looking to the amount of business before some of the committees, it was impossible to move along if this resolution was to be adopted. He hoped that it would be withdrawn; or that, if not so, leave would be granted to the committee on the Judiciary to sit during the sessions of the Convention.

Mr. HARBINE said he would state one or two facts, in reply to the remarks of the gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr. BUCHANAN,) as to the business before the Committee, which would he (Mr. H.) thought throw all such arguments into utter insignificance. How long would it take the Convention to get through with the reports which had already been made? If the experience of the past, formed any guide for the calculations of the future, another Summer's sun would have risen and past before these reports were disposed of; and his friend from Baltimore county, therefore, would have ample time to prepare and submit half a dozen reports if he desired to do so. What length of time did the gentleman desire to have for the preparation of the report on the Judiciary question? At the rate at which the Convention was now going on, the gentleman would have until at least the first of July; and thus, no more time would be wanted than, from the present aspect of things, the Conven-