

to the Reporters to bring up the proceedings, and he would, therefore, move that the Committee rise.

The motion having been agreed to—

The Committee rose, and reported progress.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, suggested that as many members were absent, or going away for the Sabbath, he would, to give them an opportunity of being here at the meeting of the Convention, move that when the Convention adjourned it adjourn to meet on Monday, at twelve o'clock.

Mr. HARBINE moved to substitute ten for twelve.

The motion of Mr. CHAMBERS (being first in order) was agreed to.

And then the Convention adjourned until Monday at twelve o'clock.

#### MONDAY, January 20th, 1851.

The Convention met at twelve o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GRIFFITH.

The roll was called and a quorum being present, the Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The PRESIDENT announced the regular order of business to be the call of the committee for Reports.

Mr. JENIFER, chairman of committee No. 14, to which was referred the order to enquire into the expediency of reporting some constitutional enactment by authority of which the future Legislature of the State shall have power to pass laws, providing for the removal of the free colored population from the State of Maryland, "asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on the free colored population.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. STEPHENSON, it was Ordered, That the committee on Corporations enquire into the expediency of providing in the new constitution for limiting the time for which charters hereafter granted, shall endure to twenty years; also, into the propriety of vesting the Legislature with the power of altering or revoking any charter whenever, in their opinion, the public interest may require it, but in such manner that no injustice be done to the corporators.

#### DOUBLE SESSIONS.

The PRESIDENT announced the unfinished business of the morning hour to be the resolution heretofore offered by Mr. FIERY, providing for morning and evening sittings of the Convention.

Mr. PHELPS suggested that, as the attendance was not very full, it might perhaps be better that the resolution should lie over until to-morrow.

Mr. FIERY acquiesced in the suggestion,

And by general consent, the resolution was laid over until to-morrow.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. WEEMS called up the motion of which he had given notice, to re-consider the vote of the

Convention adopting the resolution heretofore offered by Mr. THOMAS in relation to the preparation of a map for the use of the Convention, showing the boundaries of the several election districts, &c.

And the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the motion to reconsider.

Mr. W., in explanation, said, it seemed to him that it was impracticable to obtain the information sought by the resolution, and the only object he had in moving a reconsideration, was to enable the gentleman to make such explanations as would perhaps be satisfactory to the Convention.

Mr. THOMAS said he was under the impression that the gentleman from Calvert, (Mr. WEEMS,) upon conference with the officer of the Convention who had charge of the execution of the order, would readily learn that such progress had been made in the preparation of the map, as would satisfy his mind that all the information asked for, could be obtained within a very limited period. Most of the tabular statements called for in the order had previously been ordered by the Convention; and the only effect of his (Mr. T's) resolution, would be to append these statements to the map. The boundaries of the counties; the boundaries of the city of Baltimore, and of the several wards of the city; and many of the boundaries of the several subdivisions of the several districts were already delineated, and he was assured upon the authority of the gentleman who was making the map, and who was an experienced surveyor, that the whole of the work would be completed in a short time.

The occasion did not require, that he (Mr. T.) should assign the reasons which had led him to offer a resolution calling for this map. He supposed it would be anticipated by every intelligent gentleman, that he (Mr. T.) intended to make use of it in the contingency of a proposition to sub-divide the State into several single election districts, for the choice of members of the House of Delegates. That was his own individual preference. How far that preference would be concurred in by the members of this body, he had no means of predicting. He had conferred with very few gentlemen, but he knew that there were others besides himself, who had such a preference. If there were only a small minority here who desired at the proper time to express their reasons for preferring this mode of apportionment, they threw themselves upon the courtesy of the Convention to afford them the requisite facilities for procuring such facts and documents as would enable them to submit that preferred mode to the consideration of the Convention, if it could be done without a very large or unreasonable expenditure of the public money.

The largest portion of the cost had already been incurred by the officer having charge of the work. He had employed an experienced surveyor. The whole map, Mr. T. supposed, would not cost more than twenty dollars. After the map should have been prepared, it was his intention to submit a proposition to have it lithographed, that each member of the Convention might have one or more copies. The lithographing would be a matter of small expense.