

will rely upon the justice of the Convention for that support which will enable him, after the close of his labors, to return to his home without pecuniary sacrifice.

HENRY G. WHEELER.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. MORGAN,

Referred to the committee on Printing.

Mr. SHOWER gave notice of his intention on to-morrow, during the hour of morning business, to move a reconsideration of the vote of the Convention on the amendment offered by Mr. FERRY to the report of the committee on Representation.

Mr. McMASTER presented an account of the clerk of Worcester county court, for services rendered under the order of the Convention.

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee on Accounts.

Mr. DIRICKSON rose to enquire of the Chair, whether it would be necessary, in order to enable him to move a reconsideration of the vote of yesterday, by which the debate on the reports of the committee on Representation, had been ordered to terminate to-morrow at two o'clock, that he should give notice of that motion to-day?

The PRESIDENT said, his first impression was that it was not necessary.

Mr. DIRICKSON. At all events it will be safe to give the notice.

Some conversation followed.

Mr. DIRICKSON gave notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote of the Convention on the order adopted on yesterday, limiting the debate to two o'clock on Friday, upon the various motions, propositions and amendments pending, touching the subject of Representation.

The PRESIDENT then announced the unfinished business of yesterday, being the order submitted by Mr. JAMES U. DENNIS, allowing no member to speak more than forty-five minutes upon the question of Representation.

Mr. JOHN DENNIS moved to postpone the consideration of said order.

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. DIRICKSON then moved the Convention reconsider their vote on the order adopted on yesterday, limiting the debate upon the various amendments pending touching the subject of Representation, to two o'clock on Friday.

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

The Convention was called, and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. PHELPS,

Further proceedings under the call was dispensed with.

Mr. PHELPS then moved that the Convention proceed to the consideration of the order of the day.

Determined in the affirmative.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Thereupon, the Convention resumed the consideration of the special of the day, being the several reports of the committee on Representation.

The pending question was on the substitute offered by Mr. PHELPS, for the amendment of Mr. SCHLEY, as the second section of the report and the substitute of Mr. DORSEY.

Mr. KILGOUR being entitled to the floor, was about to address the Convention, when he yielded to

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city, who said that he merely desired to explain a vote which he gave yesterday, to which gentlemen of the Convention seemed to have misunderstood. It was understood that the vote he gave yesterday in the negative was for the purpose of restricting a debate in which he had taken so large a part. He would state that he gave no such vote; but on the contrary, he voted against all restrictions; for he felt bound to accord that privilege to others which he had enjoyed himself. He replied to the proposition of Mr. JAMES U. DENNIS, and the amendment which had been moved to it to restrict the remarks of every gentleman to one hour, in which he had voted in the negative. The proposition was not divided, but the vote was on the aggregate proposition to strike out and insert, and of course, if he voted in the affirmative, he would have voted for one hour restrictions, while he wished to vote against all restrictions whatever.

Mr. KILGOUR said:

Mr. President: This is to me an entirely new business, and how it will turn out, I must let "time and chance determine." I do not expect that any thing I may say will operate upon the mind of any gentleman in the Convention; for it is evident that the question of the basis of representation is already settled—already determined upon. Therefore my object is neither to operate, by argument, upon the mind of any one, nor to submit a plan for the consideration of this body.

I look upon this as a contest between the two great sections of the State, and I do not believe that either section will consent to any plan which does not give them that which they desire—a preponderance in the Legislature. Therefore as it regards all these plans they amount to nothing in my opinion, for no plan will be adopted, unless it secures to one party or the other, the object for which it is struggling.

My object in rising to address the Convention, is two-fold. I have remained, sir, a silent spectator, while the sturdy blows of the enemies of the old Constitution have been dealt upon it. I have witnessed, with some little sorrow, its protracted agony, and now, as the last blow was about to be dealt—as the coffin has been made, and the shroud prepared, I cannot let the occasion pass without saying, at least, one word of farewell. And I call upon all those, who venerate that old instrument, to gather around and pay it one tribute of respect, ere it be buried forever away from their sight, and even amid the triumphant shouts of its murderers, to give it, at least a decent burial.

I venerate all things that are old, around which glorious or pleasant memories and associations are clustered. I love a tree planted by