

have had something to say on the subject, and to express my regret, not my surprise, that it has produced no little effect.

Mr. DORSEY was of opinion that "Harford county ought to be struck out of the Eastern shore district. They were somewhat a "peculiar people zealous of good works," and had lost or were about to lose so large a portion of their political rights, that he did not think that any controlling Western shore influence ought to be obtruded upon them against their consent. They had a common interest with the large portion of the State, in having the affairs of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal company, so conducted that the work should be rendered as profitable to the State as it consistently could be made, he therefore hoped that one of the persons forming the board of public works would be taken from the Eastern Shore. He trusted, that under these circumstances, Harford would be attached to some other district of the State.

Mr. THOMAS said he was gratified to learn that the gentleman from Anne Arundel, (Mr. Dorsey,) concurred with him in regard to Harford.

Mr. MAGRAW moved the Convention adjourn.

Which motion he waived to enable Mr. THOMAS to move the following amendment to come in at the end of his substitute:

"In the event of a tie vote for any two of the candidates for the office of commissioner in the same district, it shall be the duty of the Governor to commission one or the other of the candidates having the equal number votes. And if the Governor doubts the legality or result of any one election held for the choice of said commissioners it shall be his duty to send the returns of such election to the House of Delegates, who shall be the judge of the election and qualification of the candidate at such election."

The Convention then adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

MONDAY, April 14, 1851.

The Convention met at nine o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRIFFITH.

The roll was called,

And a quorum being present,

The journal of Saturday was read.

HOUR OF MEETING ON MONDAYS.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, rose to offer the following order:

Ordered. That the hour of meeting on each Monday morning, shall be half-past eleven o'clock, a. m.

The order having been read,

Mr. CHAMBERS said, he thought that the Convention must by this time be satisfied of the propriety of passing this order.

For three successive Mondays, he had been called from his room, where he had, he thought, been occupied usefully—certainly with interest to himself—to pass an hour or more here in perfect idleness, For a considerable number of weeks

passed, he had not been out of the city on any Monday. He was here prepared to do his duty, when the time of meeting was such as enabled him to attend—that was to say, at all times except during afternoon sessions. He thought it was quite unnecessary—indeed worse than unnecessary—it was troublesome because it involved a serious loss of time, to be called here without the prospect of any employment. I make these suggestions, [concluded Mr. C.] as reasons for the adoption of this order. We have probably one or two Mondays to remain here, and the order, therefore, may still operate to that extent. I hope it may be adopted.

The question was on the adoption of the order.

The PRESIDENT. There is no quorum present.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent. I supposed there was a quorum from the fact that the Secretary read the journal.

The PRESIDENT. There was a quorum at that time, but a quorum is not now present.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I think if the members in the committee room will come into the hall, we shall have a quorum.

The PRESIDENT directed the Doorkeeper to invite members into the hall.

Mr. BUCHANAN. I call the yeas and nays on the adoption of the order, by way of inducing our good friends in the committee room, to give us their aid. For my own part, I shall take pleasure in voting for this proposition. The same difficulty exists in relation to myself, as that which has been stated by the gentleman from Kent, [Mr. Chambers.] I have been brought here from other occupations appertaining to my duties as a member of this body. Thus I could do nothing at my room, and, of course, I could do nothing here. It seems to me, therefore, that everything which the gentleman from Kent, [Mr. Chambers,] has stated is strictly in accordance with the fact, and with the experience of gentlemen here, and I hope the order will be adopted.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

And the question on the adoption of the order was then taken, and the vote stood, yeas 33, nays 25.

So the order was adopted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

There being no morning business before the Convention.

The PRESIDENT announced the unfinished order of Saturday, being the report heretofore submitted by Mr. JENIFER, chairman of the committee No. 14, creating a board of public works, and the substitute thereto offered by Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise, not for the purpose of making a speech, but for the purpose of placing myself right in the vote which I am about to give. I shall first look to the various duties which have devolved by law upon the board of public works—Treasurer and State agents—as they severally represented the stock of the State at different periods. I find the first action of the legislature, when they were about to embark in the internal improvement system