

fulfilment of the contract, and the contract would not have been completed by the first of June, because the reporter was to superintend the printing. The committee could not draw a cent of money after the first of June, and if the order should remain unchanged, the reporter would be thrown upon the Legislature for his compensation. His letter simply asked that the Convention should fulfill their contract with him. He trusted that the Convention would either take off the limitation entirely or put it at the first of July or some reasonable time.

Mr. Weems explained that in offering that amendment, he had not contemplated that there would be any doubt that the work could be finished by that time, as the Convention was to adjourn soon. If it would subject the committee to inconvenience, it could be reconsidered, and the evil corrected.

Mr. THAWLEY said:

That when the last appropriation was made, the debates were far behind, and the argument had been that this would bring them up again. But the event proved that they were now further behindhand than then. He was opposed to this continual doing and undoing, doing over again, and undoing. Among children, it would not be admired; but among experienced men, he had never seen any thing like it before.

Mr. SPENCER said:

That if the notes could be placed directly in the printer's hands, the reporters would be through the day the Convention adjourned. But these notes were all to be transcribed before they could be sent to the press. Such prolonged sessions as they were now holding, left very little time for this work. But this was not the difficulty in this case. The reporter had not only to furnish the reports, but to revise the printing, and that he could not do by the first of June, because the printing would not have been executed.

The question was then taken on the motion to refer the communication to the Committee on Printing, and it was agreed to.

Mr. BUCHANAN gave notice that on to-morrow, he should move to reconsider the vote of the Convention on the resolution mentioned in said communication.

Mr. BOWIE submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That William Hall, receive one dollar per day from the time of his appointment as post master, for extra services.

Mr. THAWLEY moved the question be taken by yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Wells, Dalymple, Jenifer, Howard, Bell, Ridgely, John Dennis, Williams, Hicks, Eccleston, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin and Bowling—20.

*Negative*—Messrs. Lee, Mitchell, Sellman, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Phelps, McLane, Spencer, Wright, Fooks, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Thawley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brew-

er, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—33.

So the order was rejected.

Mr. TUCK submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That when this Convention adjourns it shall stand adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, to proceed with business according to the order of the 8th May, and that it adjourn on that day *sine die*.

Mr. TUCK moved to amend the order by striking out "nine" and inserting "eight;" which was

Determined in the negative.

The order was then adopted.

Mr. CHAMBERS of Kent, asked to be excused from serving as a member on the Committee on Revision;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER moved to reconsider the vote of the Convention on the orders giving additional compensation to certain officers of the Convention.

Pending which motion—

On motion of Mr. BLAKISTONE.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, May 13th, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

On motion of Mr. MAGRAW, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. MAGRAW, from the Committee on Revision, made a report of the Board of Public Works;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,

Concurred in.

Mr. DORSEY, moved to suspend the order adopted on the 8th inst. for the purpose of taking up the following report, No. 14, heretofore submitted by Mr. JENIFER.

"No person holding an office or appointment under the Constitution or Laws of this State, (mere members of the legal profession not being regarded as such office holder,) no member of the General Assembly of Maryland, no person holding any office or appointment thereunder, or under either branch thereof, shall under any promise or expectation of a fee, reward, or compensation of any nature or kind for so doing, advocate before the General Assembly, or either branch thereof, or any member of the same, a claim of any other person against the State, or with such legislative body, or any of its members, use advice, recommendation or persuasion for the allowance or payment of any such claim, or the adoption of any legislative action for that purpose; and any person herein offending shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, or indictment in a court of law, shall be fined a sum not less than five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned for at least six