

The resolution was unanimously adopted. Mr. SCHLEY submitted the following resolution.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the Hons. Jas. B. Ricard, Wm. H. Tuck, Daniel S. Biser, Elias Brown, George W. Weems and George C. Morgan, for the able and impartial manner in which they have severally discharged the duties of the Chair, as Presidents *pro tem*.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Tuck, from the committee on revision, made reports on the Treasury Department, and new counties,

Which were severally read and disposed of.

Mr. MAGRAW, from the committee on revision, made a report on the articles in regard to Wreck Masters and Surveyors,

Which was read and disposed of.

Mr. McCUBBIN submitted the following order,

Ordered, That an extra compensation of fifty dollars be allowed to each of the officers of the Convention, who have not been provided for by previous orders.

On motion of Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER,

The Convention was called, and the door-keeper sent for absent members.

Mr. BUCHANAN said:

That he moved last night to reconsider the resolution adopted during the day, offered by the gentleman from Anne Arundel, fixing the first of June as the day on which the duties of the committee on printing were to cease. That was too short a time, and the committee could not get through its business by any possibility. The reporter would be obliged to go away without completing his word, and it was not the slightest neglect on his part that the work was behind. The result would be that this work, which was designed to be a perfect work, would be altogether imperfect. The reporter would be remaining here at very great inconvenience and considerable expense, to gratify the necessities of the Convention. He moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Mr. SPENCER made some remarks, which will be published hereafter.

Mr. PARKE hoped, for his part, that if the Reporter was not willing to comply with his contract, he would abandon the work, and leave it imperfect or unfinished. He did not think the whole affair would redound to the credit of the Convention, and he would be satisfied that it should be abandoned rather than submit to these continual exactions.

What was the contract made by the Reporter? He was paid five dollars per column, and received beside, one hundred dollars per week for superintending the work, but he was limited to four thousand dollars for the entire session. In consequence of members wishing to see their speeches portrayed at length in the Register, and by his acquiescing, contrary to the contract, an extra allowance of \$2,000 was demanded by him and granted by the Convention, when he, (Mr. P.) was confident that the four thousand dollars would have been sufficient.

Now, when they considered what was the contract, they would find that the reporter was bound to complete his labors at the time the session should end. And why was he not prepared to do this? It had been boasted that the work was brought up within twenty-four hours of every session. Why had he not employed the corps of reporters so frequently spoken of?

In his opinion, if a necessary force had been employed, according to the spirit of the contract the reporter would have been able to have closed his labors when the session closed. Where was the necessity of the reporter remaining here? He did not read the proof-sheets. After the report had been written out and the copy delivered to the printer, the printer was responsible for any misprint, and unless he could show that it was necessary for him to remain here and supervise the work, he could not claim that this thing would be necessary.

He hesitated not say that the printer himself had read the proof sheets, and on the correctness of the printer must they depend for the correctness of the report. He saw no necessity for them to allow four dollars per day for the reporter to remain here and supervise the work of the printer. This work should have been up, and if it was not up, it was the reporters own fault. If it should take him three months, he maintained that it was his duty to remain here, for he was employed to do it.

It had been said that gentlemen had to revise their speeches. If the reporter had had the necessary force here and the speeches had been written out one or two days after their delivery, and copies submitted to the speakers, that they might be examined, it would not have been necessary for the reporter to wait and take the responsibility of handing them over to the printer for publication.

He thought that there was no necessity for a reconsideration, and that the reporter would make sufficient out of his contract to justify him to remain here, even though his work might be two months behind. He was opposed to the section, and hoped the Convention would consider it properly before they acted upon it.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER concurred entirely with every word the gentleman from Carroll had said. There was no necessity for keeping the reporter here a day longer than the Convention should remain in session, and he had therefore rose to call the previous question; on which he demanded the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered,

And being taken,

Resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Lee, Bell, Ridgely Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, McCullough, McLane, McMaster, Hearn, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer, Smith, Farke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—35.

Negative—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't., Blakis-