

THURSDAY, March 27th, 1851.

The Convention met at ten o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

The roll of the members was called, and the journal of yesterday was read and approved.

REPORTS OF DEBATES.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Convention the following communication from Henry G. Wheeler, Esq., Reporter to the Convention.

ANNAPOLIS March 26, 1851.

To the PRESIDENT of the Convention:

SIR:—I have the honor to request that you will lay before the Convention the following statement:

I am, sir, your obedient servant,
HENRY G. WHEELER,
Reporter to the Convention.

The undersigned feels it due to the Convention and to himself, to submit the following brief statement of the condition of the fund appropriated for the reporting of the debates.

The amount appropriated for that object was four thousand dollars. The sum already drawn from the fund, together with that due for debates not yet published, may be estimated at upwards of three thousand dollars. By the 5th of April, the appropriation will be nearly or quite exhausted.

Carrying out what he has assumed to be the general desire of the Convention, that the sentiments of members on the topics of Representation and the Judiciary system should be presented fully to the people, the undersigned provided himself some time since with the force requisite for that object.

When in January last, the undersigned entered upon the existing contract for "sketches of debates" it was his expectation, as it was understood to be, that of the Convention generally, that its labors would terminate by the fifteenth of March. That period has passed, and the termination of the session is still a matter of doubt.

In the performance of his contract, under many disadvantages, the undersigned feels that he has discharged his obligations faithfully—and he believes, generally speaking with satisfaction. The reports have been circulated throughout the State, and the public eye has been enabled to follow every movement of the Convention. The debates have never been allowed to accumulate forty-eight hours on the hands of the Reporter, and are now written up to Tuesday, March 24th.

As the time approaches when the appropriation will yield no further means, it will be necessary for the Convention to decide whether the present system of reporting shall be arrested when the fund is exhausted.

But the undersigned desires it to be understood, that in no event will he desert his post. Although he may be compelled to remain in the Convention alone, he will be found here in the daily discharge of his duties as faithfully as mere individual effort can discharge them. And he

respects, the requisite qualifications of a delegate—and the residence by the district requisite to give a right of suffrage of voting for delegates shall be six months next preceding the election; but in case any voter otherwise qualified shall have resided less than six months in the district of his then residence, he shall not thereby wholly lose his right to vote for a delegate at the then pending election, but shall be entitled to cast his vote for a delegate in the district in which he may have re-ided for the six months next preceding his removal to the district of his existing residence, and the Legislature may pass all laws necessary to carry into the effect this article of the Constitution.

Art. 2nd. Of the eighty-three members constituting the House of Delegates, Allegany county shall elect four, Anne Arundel county four, Baltimore city ten, Baltimore county six, Carroll county four, Caroline county two, Calvert county two, Cecil county three, Charles county three, Dorchester county three, Frederick county six, Harford county three, Howard county three, Kent county two, Montgomery county three, Prince George's county four, Queen Anne's county three, St. Mary's county three, Somerset county four, Talbot county three, Washington county five, Worcester county three.

CORRECTION.

Mr. SPENCER made the following explanation:

On page two hundred and fourteen, third column, number twenty-nine of the Register of Debates, at the end of the report on the Executive, made by Mr. GRASON, will be found the following:

"Mr. SPENCER offered a substitute for the report of the gentleman from Queen Anne's, (Mr. GRASON,) which substitute was read as follows:"

He, (Mr. SPENCER,) was then in the Chair, and it should read,

Mr. MERRICK asked for the reading of the report of Mr. SPENCER, which was offered as a substitute for the report of the gentleman from Queen Anne's, (Mr. GRASON.)

The CHAIR decided, that the report of Mr. GRASON was then under consideration; that the report by Mr. SPENCER, being a minority report, was received, *ex gratia*, by the body, and that it could not now be considered except as a substitute for the report of Mr. GRASON, and that a motion to receive it as a substitute, was not then in order; that the Convention must proceed with the report under consideration; that its friends had a right to have it considered, article by article, and amended to suit their wishes; that being done, it would be in order to move the minority report of Mr. SPENCER as a substitute.

Mr. MERRICK then asked the unanimous consent of the Convention, to have the report of Mr. SPENCER read, which was given, and the report was read.

The Convention after which adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock.