

On motion of Mr. Pugh,

The vote by which the order was passed, was reconsidered.

Mr. Thomas submitted the following amendment :

Ordered, That the County Commissioners of the several counties, and the Appeal Tax Court of the city of Baltimore, be requested to furnish to this Convention a list showing the number of tax payers and the aggregate amount of taxes paid by each county and the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Parran moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee on the Basis of Representation ;

Decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Berry, of Baltimore county, submitted the following order :

Whereas, The President of the Convention has announced, that Major General Lew. Wallace, commanding this Department, Hon's. M. T. Odell, G. W. Julien, B. F. Wade, D. W. Gooch and B. F. Harding, members of Congress, are now in this city ; therefore,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to wait on the above named gentlemen and invite them to visit the Convention ;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed the following committee in accordance with the above order :

Messrs. Berry, of Baltimore county, Purnell, Daniel, Hol-lyday, and Berry, of Prince George's.

Mr. Thomas submitted a petition from H. P. Jordan, State Librarian, asking for an increase of salary ;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Civil Officers.

Mr. Davis submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Legislative Department inquire into the expediency of reducing the number of the members of the House of Delegates, and of having annual instead of biennial sessions of the Legislature ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Clarke submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, in the organization of the