

The resolution submitted by Mr. Belt, on Tuesday, to wit:

Resolved, That if the principle contained in the resolution of the gentleman from Washington county be correct, in asserting that, under a republican system, *population is the true basis of representation, excluding all classes not endowed with the right of suffrage*, then the authors of the Constitution of the United States, were uninformed of the principles of republicanism, in that they admitted all free persons, and even a large proportion of slaves as within the basis upon which the States are represented in the Federal Congress ;

Was taken up.

By general consent, the order was withdrawn by Mr. Belt.

Mr. Stockbridge submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the President of this Convention be requested to increase the Committee on the Judiciary Department, by adding thereto two members ;

Which was adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Thruston and Daniel, in accordance with the above order.

Mr. Sneary submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, upon the order of the President of this Convention, pay to Alfred Miller, who has been temporarily discharging the duties of Page, the per diem and mileage allowed to the permanent Pages, for the number of days of service which he may have rendered ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Purnell submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee to consider and report respecting the Elective Franchise, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of incorporating into the Constitution an article extending the right of suffrage to soldiers, drafted or enlisted from this State into the service of the United States, and who may be out of this State, and in the service of the United States at the time of any election in this State, and that the Legislature at its next session provide by law for the holding an election in the regiments to which such soldiers may belong, under such restrictions and regulations as may be deemed necessary to guard the purity of the ballot-box ;

Which was adopted.