

MONDAY, August 8th, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNemar.

All the members present except the following :

Messrs. Baker, Belt, Berry, of Baltimore county, Berry, Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Dent, Gale, Harwood, Henkle, Hodson, Hoffman, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keeter, Kennard, Lansdale, Larsh, Mace, Marbury, Miller, Mullikin, Negley, Noble, Peter, Pugh, Ridgely, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Thruston, Turner, Wilmer—42.

The proceedings of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that Mr. Horsey is detained from his seat in the Convention by sickness.

On motion of Mr. Edelen,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that Mr. Davis, of Charles, is detained from his seat in this body by severe indisposition.

The President laid before the Convention the following communication :

HON. H. H. GOLDSBOROUGH, PRES., &c.

*Dear Sir*:—A necessary absence from home extending probably through the month, will prevent me from discharging my duties as Chaplain to the Constitutional Convention. I therefore respectfully ask to be excused from any further responsibility in the matter.

Thanking the Convention for the honor they have done me in appointing me as one of their Chaplains.

I remain,

Yours with great respect,

J. R. DAVENPORT,

Rector of St. Anne's Parish.

Annapolis, Aug. 6, '64.

Which was read.