

lowing, "on which second reading it shall be open to amendment;"

Decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Hebb submitted the following amendment:

Strike out Rule 54, and insert the following as Rule 54:

The previous question shall be always in order in Convention, and shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present, and its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and to bring the Convention to a direct vote upon pending amendments, and the section of the Constitution then under consideration. On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the Convention shall be in order, but after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to a division of the main question; and on the previous question there shall be no debate.

Pending the consideration of which,

The Convention adjourned.

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FRIDAY, May 20th, 1864.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Patterson.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Goldsborough, *President*, Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Berry, of Prince George's, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands,