

STATEMENT—CONTINUED.

- No. 9.....Of the Loan created by chapter 15 of 1864, authorizing the issue of \$4 000,000 of State Six per cent. Stock, the Treasurer has issued..... \$501,000 00
- No. 10.....The Interest which the State has in Works of Internal Improvements, &c., I refer you to the Comptroller's Report, 1863, (Statement I,) pages 13 and 14, showing the capital and credits of the State, productive and unproductive.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report of the committee on the legislative department, which was on its second reading.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS, &c.

Mr. CUSHING. I move to take up the thirty-ninth section of the report on the legislative department. This report was taken up for consideration on the 7th of July, just twenty days ago, and we have not yet finished it. The judiciary report is not yet in, and when made it will probably consume some three or four weeks of our time, for scarcely a lawyer in the convention will not find something in that report which does not accord with his views.

Now, after a very long and elaborate discussion of the subject of the sale of the State's interest in the public works, there seems to be no intention upon the part of this house to change this section as reported by the committee. We have had amendment after amendment offered and argued upon hour after hour; vote after vote taken and then reconsidered, and no conclusion finally reached. And I think it simply wasting the time of the convention to indulge in further speculations about the matter. The legislative committee have considered it, I presume, with a great deal of deliberation and care. The last proposition on the subject before the convention was to submit it to an entirely new committee of nine members, who would make a report on which we would be detained just as long probably as we have been upon the report made by the committee on the legislative department.

Now, if there are any members who would like so stay here until the day of judgment, there are others who do not desire to do so, but who wish to complete our work at the earliest practicable moment. I hope the house will take up this section and consider it, and dispose of it to-night as it came from the committee, with perhaps one amendment, striking out the word "lease." And I think we might also dispose of the report of the committee on apportionment to-night.

Mr. MILLER. I understood this thirty-ninth section was not to be taken up until every additional section that might be proposed should be disposed of.

The PRESIDENT. There is no other section not acted upon.

Mr. CLARKE. I have one or two additional sections which I would like to offer.

Mr. KING. My colleague (Mr. Ridgely) has taken an active part in this matter. But not calculating that this subject would be taken up to-night, he is absent; he will be here to-morrow.

Mr. CLARKE. I presume the taking up this section now, will not prevent the offering additional sections by way of amendment to the article.

The PRESIDENT. It will not.

Mr. BELT. I would suggest to my friend from Baltimore city (Mr. Stirling,) that it would be much more orderly to allow one or two additional sections to be offered now, and let them be voted upon. Nobody desires particularly to debate them, or call the yeas and nays on them, or in any way to delay action. Let those be offered and disposed of, and then we can take up the section which has been laid over. I think when we once go back, we should finish the report entirely, without having any additional sections proposed to the article. Let us dispose of all the new propositions now, and then we can take up this section and make an end of the report.

Mr. CUSHING. I must insist upon my motion.

The question was upon proceeding to the consideration of the thirty-ninth section.

Upon this question, Mr. CUSHING called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 32, nays 24—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Cunningham, Cushing, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Gallo-way, Greene, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Kennard, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Swope, Todd, Wooden—32.

Nays—Messrs. Audoun, Belt, Berry, of Prince George's, Blackiston, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Duvall, Edelen, Harwood, Hol-lyday, Horsey, Jones, of Somerset, King, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Neg-ley, Parker, Parran, Peter, Stockbridge—24.

The motion to take up the thirty-ninth section was accordingly agreed to.