

mend that the 39th article be stricken out, and no article be substituted in its place

A. STIRLING, JR.,
 JOB. B. PUGH,
 FREDERICK SCHLEY,
 WM. T. PURNELL."

On motion of Mr. RIDGELY,

The said reports were made the order of the day, for Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. THOMAS gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendment to section 39, of the report of the committee on the legislative department :

"Section 39. The legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, make a provision to submit to the people, at the first general election thereafter, the question of the sale of the State's interest in the works of internal improvement, and in the several banking corporations of the State; and in case the people vote in favor of such sale, the legislature shall at its first session after said election, pass a law to empower the governor, comptroller of the treasury and treasurer conjointly to make such sale, provided no such sale shall be made except upon the terms of an equal exchange of State stock, or bonds, or registered debt now owing by the State, for an equal amount of the State's interest in said works, or banking stock; and provided the State's interest in the Washington branch and of the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad shall be excepted from said sale; and that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal shall not be sold to any incorporated company."

Mr. DUVALL gave notice that at the proper time he would offer an amendment that the legislature should ratify any sale that may be made.

Mr. CLARKE. I desire to say, being a member of the committee, that I concurred in the majority report with the understanding that I should express my preference for omitting the proviso requiring a vote of the people upon the question. I have heretofore, on other committees, objected to submitting separate questions to the people, on the judiciary question and others. I prefer the article without that proviso; but if it is retained, I still prefer it.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. The views expressed by the gentleman from Prince George's, are those I entertain with reference to it. I think the people submit to their representatives the consideration of these questions, and I therefore prefer the report without that; and in signing the report, I reserved the right to vote against that provision.

Mr. PARRAN. I signed the majority report for the same reasons, occupying the same position and holding the same views which have been expressed by the gentleman from Prince George's (Mr. Clarke,) and the gentleman from Somerset (Mr. Jones.)

Mr. CLARKE. It has been intimated to me

that this is no report at all, that those who signed it are unwilling to vote for it. I wish to be understood that I am willing to vote for the proposition in its present form; but I prefer that the question of submission should be acted upon by the convention. I regard it as the report of the majority of the committee; for while some prefer it without that provision, the whole majority of the committee are willing to take it in its present form.

On motion of Mr. PUGH,
 The convention adjourned.

SIXTY-SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, August 1, 1864.

The Convention met at 12 o'clock, M. (Mr. PURNELL, in the Chair.)

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNemar.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Duvall, Farrow, Greene, Hebb, Hodson, Hopkins, Horsey, Johnson, Kennard, Lee, Mace, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Purnell, Robinette, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer—39.

The CHAIRMAN announced that there was not a quorum present.

Mr. CUSHING. The cars have not reached here yet. They will not be here until two o'clock.

Mr. DANIEL. They are taking up soldiers this morning.

Mr. DUVALL moved to adjourn until ten o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. NEGLEY. If we do not meet at eight o'clock to-night, shall we not violate the standing order?

The CHAIRMAN. It is the impression of the chair that the convention cannot hold a session without a quorum; and that the only thing we can do in the absence of a quorum is to adjourn from day to day.

Mr. AUDOUN. The gentleman from Kent county (Mr. Chambers) offered an order on Friday to dispense with night sessions, which the convention refused to do. I respectfully submit whether this convention has a right to adjourn now until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, with that order standing on the journal. As the convention refused to dispense with night sessions we must meet at eight o'clock this evening.

Mr. MILLER. That order applies only in case the convention has a session. There cannot be a session with less than a quorum.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the impression of the chair.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Have gentlemen ever heard of a minority taking a recess? It