

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—62.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. KING gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to rescind the order passed July 21, by which the Convention determined to hold evening sessions.

#### INELIGIBLE MEMBERS.

The following resolution submitted by Mr. Belt, on Saturday, was taken up for its second reading.

Whereas, On the 6th day of April, 1864, the same having been the day appointed by law for the election, in the city of Baltimore and the several counties, of delegates to this Convention, Richard H. Edelen, Esq., a delegate from Charles county, was the State's attorney for the said county, and Henry H. Goldsborough, Esq., a delegate from Talbot county, was on the same day the comptroller of the treasury of the State, and George Earle, Esq., a delegate from Cecil county, was on the same day the clerk of the court of appeals of the State, and Edward W. Belt, Esq., a delegate from Prince George's county, was on the same day the State's attorney for said county, and William H. W. Farrow, Esq., a delegate from Worcester county, was on the same day the State's attorney for said county, and Frederick Schley, Esq., a delegate from Frederick county, was on the same day a collector of the internal revenue taxes of the United States, and Joseph H. Audoun, Esq., a delegate from Baltimore city, was on the same day a justice of the orphans' court of said city, and John L. Thomas, Jr., Esq., a delegate from Baltimore city, was on the same day the State's attorney for said city, and George A. Thruston, Esq., a delegate from Allegany county, was on the same day, the State's attorney for said county, and George W. Sands, Esq., a delegate from Howard county, was on the same day the State's attorney for said county, and the Rev. Robert W. Todd, a delegate from Caroline county, was on the same day a minister or preacher of the gospel.

And whereas, none of the said delegates, either before or after said day, did resign said respective offices or employments, and they were thereby, under the Constitution and laws

of this State, ineligible as delegates to this Convention; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the seats of the aforesaid delegates be, and the same are hereby declared vacant, and the president be and he is hereby requested, as soon as may be, to take order for the election of delegates to fill said vacancies in the said city and counties respectively, according to law.

Mr. MILLER. The member who offered that resolution is not in his seat, having obtained leave of absence for a few days, and I move that the second reading of the resolution be postponed until the consideration of the report of the committee on elections, that he may have an opportunity to be heard upon it.

Mr. AUDOUN. I am one of the members referred to in this resolution, and I would like to hear the gentlemen who offered it make some explanation with regard to it. I hope, therefore, that it will be postponed until his return, as I have some inquiries to make of him.

The motion to postpone was agreed to.

#### ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

Mr. SANDS, from the committee on the elective franchise, submitted the following report:

The committee on the elective franchise and qualification of voters, beg leave respectfully to report the following sections, to be inserted in article one of the Constitution, entitled "Elective Franchise:"

#### ARTICLE I.

##### *Elective Franchise.*

Section 1. Every white male person of twenty-one years of age, or upwards, who shall have been one year next preceding the election a resident of the State, and for six months a resident of the city of Baltimore, or of any county in which he may offer to vote, and being at the time of the election a loyal citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides, in all elections hereafter to be held, and every free white male person of twenty-one years of age, and upwards, who shall have been one year next preceding the election a resident of the State, and for six months a resident of the city of Baltimore, or of any county in the State, and being at the time of the election in the naval or military service of the United States, shall, when the United States are actually engaged in war, be entitled to vote wherever they may be, for any and all officers to be elected under the Constitution of this State or of the United States, and the legislature is hereby required to provide the means necessary to carry this provision into full and complete operation and effect; and at all such elections the vote shall be by ballot. And in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election