

vide the means to carry that system into effect.

On motion of Mr. DELLINGER,  
The convention adjourned.

### SIXTY-NINTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 1864.

The convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.  
Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNemar.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Berry, of Prince George's, Bond, Brown, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, 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 Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—64.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

#### EVENING SESSIONS.

Mr. KING, in accordance with notice given yesterday, submitted the following order:

"*Ordered*, That the order passed July 21, by which the convention determined to hold evening sessions, be and the same is hereby rescinded."

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 29, nays 35—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Audoun, Berry, of Prince George's, Bond, Brown, Cunningham, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Duvall, Edelen, Gale, Harwood, Hollyday, Jones, of Cecil, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Parran, Ridgely, Sands, Smith, of Worcester, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard—29.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Cushing, Daniel, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Wooden—35.

The order was accordingly rejected.

On motion of Mr. MAYHUGH,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Mr. SNEARY is detained from his seat by sickness.

Mr. RIDGELY asked and obtained leave of absence from the evening sessions.

Mr. THOMAS. I ask to be excused from

attending night sessions; and I will give my reason. I have been sick, and my physician has given me positive orders not to be exposed to the night air. I have had a relapse, and could not attend night sessions; and that was the reason I voted against them.

Leave of absence was accordingly granted.

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles. I am just recovering from an attack of bilious fever, and am unable to attend; and I ask to be excused from attending evening sessions for a few evenings.

Leave of absence was accordingly granted.

Mr. TODD. I ask to be excused during this exceedingly hot weather, on account of bodily feebleness.

Mr. DANIEL. I think there are a good many who could put in the plea of feebleness. I frequently feel so myself. I do not think that is a sufficient reason, now that the nights are getting long and cool, unless there is some danger of being out at night assigned. I do not believe there is much more danger from being here than elsewhere.

Mr. SANDS. My opinion is, that if we have many more night sessions, we shall have very few to attend our day sessions.

Mr. SYKES. I ask to be excused for one night only.

Mr. WICKARD. I ask to be excused from attending night sessions on account of indisposition. [Laughter.]

The PRESIDENT. There are two ahead of you already.

Mr. TODD. I am serious in this matter.—Gentlemen seem to think I am joking; but really staying here at night until eleven o'clock, is more than I am able to bear.

Leave of absence was accordingly granted.

Mr. SYKES. I had made arrangements to board in town, and am not prepared to sleep here to-night. I ask to be excused for this evening only.

Leave of absence was accordingly granted.

Mr. KING. I hope no person will be excused who voted for night sessions.

Mr. WICKARD. I ask to be excused on account of indisposition. I am not disposed to attend these night sessions.

Leave of absence was refused.

Mr. DELLINGER moved to reconsider the vote by which the convention refused to rescind the order to hold evening sessions.

The motion was seconded by Messrs. HOFFMAN and SCHLEY.

Mr. DANIEL. It seems to me that we are playing like children. The house has just come to a deliberate vote upon that by yeas and nays, after having voted upon the same order four or five times before, and persisted in maintaining night sessions. There are gentlemen who may not be able to attend those sessions. There are gentlemen who have given good excuses why they should not attend; and I am certainly willing to excuse every gentleman who has a good reason why