

not tell where, and they were afraid of running into it. I therefore vote "aye."

Mr. ECKER. This may look very much like trifling on our part to-day. But really, when you come to reflect upon it, it is no more trifling than some other things that are done here. There are members who, after voting for an evening session, deliberately pick up their hats and go off to Baltimore city, and stay there attending "Gemotes," and such places, while we are here without a quorum. Now I will stay here, and try to get our members back here. I am sick and tired of this contempt which seems to be manifested by certain members towards this convention. It may seem improper for me to say so, but it is so.

Mr. WICKARD. Is the gentleman from Carroll (Mr. Ecker) really in earnest in what he says?

Mr. ECKER. I am.

Mr. WICKARD. I would ask the gentleman if he has not voted for an evening session, and then deliberately picked up his hat and gone off on the boat to Baltimore?

Mr. ECKER. No, sir.

Mr. WICKARD. I think I can bring proof that he has.

Mr. ECKER. I may have done it once or twice. But I was speaking of members who make a practice of it, who do it continually. I cannot for my life see how they can do it. If they must go home, and have no opportunity to ask leave, that is another thing.

Mr. PUGH. It is impossible, so late in the week as this, to commence any serious operations of this kind, because we could not possibly do anything to get a quorum here so late in the week as this.

Mr. STIRLING. I do not suppose if we were to send to Baltimore we could get a quorum. The house excused members enough yesterday to prevent any such result. Now, I ask are we to be kept here till ten o'clock to-night, thus preventing those of us who have fairly and honestly remained here the whole week from the advantage of going home and spending the Sabbath with our families?

The PRESIDENT. The President has been home but three times during the session of this convention.

Mr. STIRLING. Well, I shall not stay here, that is certain; I shall go home this afternoon.

Mr. SANDS. I will say to the President that I, for one, if permitted to be here on Monday next, will join him and the balance of the convention very heartily in any measures intended to bring indisposed and delinquent members here and keep them here. But I hope as this is the last day of the week, and many of us want to get to our homes, we will not be kept here until ten o'clock to-night. Those of us who are will be back promptly on Monday.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I think it would be very desirable for us to have a lock-up here, in which to put these breachy members. We might resolve ourselves into a committee of the whole to-day, and build one and have it ready by Monday.

Mr. PURNELL. If there was the slightest prospect of our getting a quorum to-day, by any means whatever, by sending to Baltimore, or elsewhere, I do not know that I should object to remain here. But I cannot see any good to result from detaining here those who desire to go home. Bearing no malice against any one who may wish to go home, I am perfectly willing to release them. I therefore move that the convention adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

And the convention accordingly adjourned to ten o'clock A. M. on Monday next.

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, August 15, 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, Audoun, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Carter, Clarke, Crawford, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Hodson, Hopkins, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Purnell, Robinette, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Thomas, Thurston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard—44.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. ABBOTT. I am satisfied that members enough to make a quorum will arrive when the extra train comes in, which will be at twelve o'clock. I therefore move that we take a recess until half past twelve o'clock.

The PRESIDENT. It is not competent for less than a quorum to take a recess. If no objection is made, business can be informally suspended until that time.

No objection being made—

The convention informally suspended business until half past twelve o'clock.

At half past twelve o'clock, the convention was again called to order.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Galloway, Hodson, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robi-