

amendment, that it is the identical language of the present constitution. We have provided already in this article for two vacancies in the office of governor. Although not at all likely, yet it is possible that there might be a vacancy still beyond those provided for, and to guard against the occurrence of any such vacancy not provided for, I offer this amendment in the precise language of the present constitution.

Mr. MILLER. Have any laws been passed in pursuance of the provision of the present constitution in relation to this subject? If there are laws now in existence, then the gentleman ought to say in his amendment—"under such regulations as are now or may be hereafter provided by law."

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. There have been no laws passed upon the subject.

The question being taken upon the amendment of Mr. STOCKBRIDGE, it was adopted.

Mr. THOMAS moved to recur to the ninth section, which was agreed to upon a division—ayes 36, noes not counted.

The ninth section was then read as follows:

"Sec. 9. Whenever the government shall be administered by the lieutenant governor, or he shall be unable to attend as president of the senate, the senators shall elect one of their own number as president *pro tempore*."

Mr. THOMAS. I move to amend this section by striking out the word "government," and inserting the words "office of governor."

The question being taken, upon a division—ayes 40, noes not counted—the amendment was adopted.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset, moved that the convention take a recess; but withdrew the motion at the request of—

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. PURNELL, who said: I ask leave of absence for Mr. Collins, one of the folders, on account of the serious indisposition of his family.

Leave was accordingly granted.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I rise with considerable regret to ask permission to be absent for the session of this evening. I have just received a telegram requiring my presence in Baltimore.

Leave was accordingly granted.

Mr. VALLIANT. I desire to ask leave of absence for a few days. I have received some information from home that renders it absolutely necessary that I should be at home for a day or two.

Leave was accordingly granted.

On motion of Mr. JONES, of Somerset, the convention then took a recess.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 8 o'clock, P. M.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Billingsley, Brown, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Galloway, Hopper, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Thruston, Todd, Wooden—46.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. MORGAN moved that the convention adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was not agreed to.

Mr. MILLER moved a call of the house, which was ordered.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Billingsley, Brown, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Galloway, Hopper, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Thruston, Todd, Wooden—46.

Not a quorum present.

Mr. STIRLING. Believing that it is perfectly certain that we cannot get a quorum to-night, I move that the convention adjourn.

The question being taken, the motion was agreed to;

And the convention accordingly adjourned.

#### SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY.

TUESDAY, August 16, 1864.

The convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Owen.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Belt, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Dent, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Gale, Galloway, Harwood, Hatch, Hodson, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Turner, Wickard, Wooden—71.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.