

DRAFT IN MARYLAND.

Mr. MARBURY submitted the following, which was read the first time, and laid over :

Whereas, The citizens of the State of Maryland have been drafted until the draft has reached the home of nearly every able-bodied man in the State; and whereas the slave counties of the State have almost been depopulated of their whole laboring force; and whereas the slaves who have been enticed or voluntarily gone off from this State, and entered the service of the United States, have nearly all of them been accredited to other States, contrary to the laws of the land, and in violation of every principle of justice and right; and whereas, the upper counties of this State have been so entirely laid waste and so depleted of their population that they have scarcely men enough left to protect and support the helpless women and children who are entitled to their care; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this convention deem it a duty they owe their constituents, to appoint and do hereby authorize the President of this convention to appoint a committee of five, of whom he (the President) shall be one, to wait on the proper authorities at Washington, explain the condition of our people, request and urge that they be relieved from all further draft during the war.

ABSENCE OF MEMBERS.

Mr. ECKER. I offer the following order. It is unnecessary for me to make any remarks upon it, for it is a little like what the man said about Henry Clay; it will speak for itself.

The order was read as follows :

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal that the members of this convention who have been in almost constant attendance since its commencement, are hereby declared not responsible for the many delays and waste of time in its deliberations; and in order to show where the responsibility for such delay properly belongs, the clerk is required to have published daily a list of those members who do not attend the evening sessions.

The question was upon the adoption of the order.

Upon this question Mr. ECKER called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 35, nays 33—as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Brown, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dennis, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, King, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Thurston, Todd, Wooden—35.

Nays—Messrs. Audoun, Belt, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Crawford, Davis, of Charles,

Dellinger, Edelen, Gale, Harwood, Hatch, Hodson, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Peter, Ridgely, Robinette, Schlosser, Smith, of Dorchester, Sykes, Thomas, Turner, Wickard—33.

The order was accordingly adopted.

Pending the call of the yeas and nays, the following explanations were made by members as their names were called :

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles. I would be very willing to vote for the first part of this order; that those who have been in attendance here are not responsible for the delay. But I am not willing to vote for the latter part of it. As it is too late to ask for a division, I shall have to vote "no."

Mr. MILLER. I am one of those, I believe, who have attended here the most promptly; it may be from the fact that I am a resident of this city. I think I should have attended as punctually if I had been a resident of any other part of the State. But I cannot vote for such an order as this, because I conceive that it is undignified, and entirely outside of and beyond any precedent heretofore set by any legislative body in this country. I vote "no."

Mr. MULLIKIN submitted the following order :

Ordered, That any member of this convention who shall absent himself from said convention without the consent of a majority of the members present, shall not receive his per diem for the time he is absent.

Mr. THOMAS. I would like to inquire, in case this order is adopted, what power has any number of this convention to stop the pay of any member?

Mr. MULLIKIN. That is an after consideration.

The question was upon the adoption of the order.

Upon this question Mr. MULLIKIN called the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 30, nays 38—as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Cunningham, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hoffman, Keefer, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Thurston, Wickard—30.

Nays—Messrs. Audoun, Belt, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Crawford, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Edelen, Gale, Harwood, Hatch, Hodson, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, King, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Parran, Peter, Ridgely, Schlosser, Smith, of Dorchester, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Wooden—38.

The order was accordingly rejected.