

much of the report of the majority as provides for the immediate operation of portions of the constitution before its adoption by the people. Surely if any one proposition, in regard to our proceedings was universally accepted by all who voted, whether for or against a convention, it was this, that its work was to be submitted to and accepted by the people of the State before it should have any effect. Yet the majority propose that now at the very moment when the question of adoption is being taken, in the very act of taking that question, the people shall be bound and governed by it, so far as it relates to some of its most important and vital changes of the existing system of government. What a strange spectacle would be exhibited if the provisions now proposed should be enforced as part of the new constitution, in direct opposition to the existing constitution, and yet the result show that the people will not accept the new constitution? The present constitution exists until the new one is adopted. How then can the provisions of the present constitution be violated, or interfered with, until the new one has an existence by the adoption of the people? The great purpose of the majority seems to be, to deprive those who form the constituency of this convention of the privilege secured to them by the present constitution of passing upon the work of this body, and to this end, by newly contrived oaths and by the aid of the military, to confirm their proceedings. For these amongst other reasons, the undersigned protest against the report in the particulars mentioned. All which is respectfully submitted, &c.

THOS. LANSDALE,
A. J. CRAWFORD.

On motion of Mr. CUNNINGHAM, it was *Ordered*, That when the convention adjourn to-day, it stand adjourned until Monday next at twelve o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING,
The convention then adjourned.

EIGHTY-FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, August 29, 1864.

The convention met at 12 o'clock, M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McNemar.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Carter, Chambers, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, McComas, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Purnell, Russell,

Schley, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—64.

The proceedings of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. VALLIANT,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Mr. George W. Sands, is detained from his seat in the convention by business connected with the coming draft.

THREE SESSIONS DAILY.

Mr. MULLIKIN submitted the following order:

Ordered, That until the final adjournment of the convention, three sessions daily shall be held, commencing at half-past nine o'clock, A. M., half-past three o'clock, P. M., and eight o'clock, P. M.

Mr. AUDOUN moved to lay the order on the table.

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

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 27, nays 34—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Audoun, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Carter, Cunningham, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Duvall, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, King, Larsh, Lee, Miller, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Todd, Valliant, Wilmer—27.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Brooks, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Purnell, Russell, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Swope, Thomas, Wickard, Wooden—34.

The convention accordingly refused to lay the order on the table.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the order,

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

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 32, nays 31—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Purnell, Russell, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Stockbridge, Swope, Wickard, Wooden—32.

Nays—Messrs. Audoun, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Duvall, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, King, Larsh, Lee, Miller, Morgan, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Sneary, Stirling, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wilmer—31.

The order was accordingly adopted.