

EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, August 30, 1864.

The convention met at half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Owen.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Maybugh, McComas, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valiant, Wickard, Wooden—68.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

STATE LIBRARIAN.

Mr. THOMAS submitted the following order.

Ordered, That the committee on accounts issue a certificate in favor of the State librarian for two hundred dollars, for his services rendered this convention, in obedience to an appointment by the general assembly of Maryland, at its last session, in purchasing the necessary stationery for the convention, and other extra services rendered the convention during the session.

Mr. THOMAS said: By reference to the journal of the senate for 1864, page 838, it will be found that the general assembly appointed the State librarian to procure the necessary stationery for the convention. It will be found also by reference to the proceedings of the last constitutional convention, page 740, that that convention passed a resolution at the end of the session which provided that the librarian be paid such sum for his services in purchasing stationery, &c., as the committee of accounts may certify to the president ought to be allowed.

With reference to this order it is only necessary for one to say that the State librarian has spent a great deal of time in purchasing paper and stationery and in the distribution of it to the members of the convention.

There was also a resolution of 1864, providing that the secretary of the senate should be authorized to fit up the rooms, &c. That was done, and the secretary of the senate was paid for his services.

I learn that in 1850 the State librarian received the sum of \$400 for his services, and I think \$200 is little enough to pay him now. I hope the convention will pass the order. It is known to every member of the convention

that the State librarian has been very kind to the members; that he has been at all hours in the library to furnish books and paper of all kinds to members; and he has been very efficient in hunting up the books necessary to use in the debate.

Mr. ANNAN demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 42, nays 29—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Audoun, Barron, Belt, Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brooks, Carter, Cushing, Daniel, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Farrow, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hollyday, Kennard, Larsh, Lee, Markey, McComas, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Parran, Purnell, Ridgely, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner—42.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Annan, Baker, Bond, Cunningham, Davis, of Washington, Dennis, Ecker, Galloway, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, King, Mayhugh, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Russell, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Stockbridge, Valiant, Wickard, Wooden—29.

When their names were called,

Mr. ABBOTT said: As this has been the custom heretofore, I vote "aye."

Mr. NEGLEY said: Does this come out of the fund provided for the convention?

The PRESIDENT. I do not know what fund it comes out of. I do not see under what authority it is appropriated.

Mr. THOMAS. From the same fund from which heretofore we have paid for extra services performed by our committee clerks.

The PRESIDENT. I do not think any order has been passed for extra services of committee clerks.

Mr. THOMAS. I know that I voted for an order last week to pay the clerk and assistant clerk of this convention.

The PRESIDENT. That was when they were required to perform double duty—duty in two capacities.

Mr. NEGLEY. I cannot vote for this. I vote "no."

Mr. PUGH said: I shall vote against this order with the intention, if it is voted down, to move to refer this subject to the committee on accounts. I do not pretend to understand the subject, and I think the proper way would be to refer it to the committee on accounts, and have them report upon it. I vote "no."

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE said: I prefer to vote upon the recommendation of some committee that we may act understandingly, and therefore at this time, I shall vote "no."

Mr. BROOKS said: I have ascertained that at the time of the last convention the State librarian received \$500 for the same services. I therefore desire to change my vote, and will vote "aye."