

The order was accordingly agreed to.

ORDERS.

Mr. VALLIANT submitted the following order :

*Ordered*, That the president of this convention shall be authorized, after the final adjournment of this convention, to make order for the payment of all bills remaining unpaid in connection with the reporting and printing of the journal of debates, whenever the same shall be presented to him duly certified as correct by Mr. Joseph H. Audoun, or some other member of the committee on reporting and printing.

On motion of Mr. ECKER,

The order was referred to the committee on accounts.

On motion of Mr. BARRON,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal, that had John Barron been in his seat on Friday, 26th instant, he would have voted against the section added to the judiciary article, providing a system of involuntary apprenticeship; and in favor of the amendment which was offered thereto designed to secure such apprentices education so as to enable them to read and write.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, of Dorchester,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal, that Alward Johnson is absent from his seat in the convention, in consequence of sickness.

On motion of Mr. TODD,

It was ordered to be entered that the continued absence of T. S. Noble, of Caroline county, from his seat in this convention is occasioned by a protracted illness.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the following order submitted yesterday by Mr. VALLIANT :

*Ordered*, That the comptroller of the treasury be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to contract for the printing of six thousand copies of the constitution, and that the librarian be directed to distribute the same among the members, as early as practicable after the adjournment without day of the convention, and that the cost of said distribution be paid by the comptroller.

Mr. TODD moved to strike out "six" and insert "ten," so as to order ten thousand copies to be printed.

Mr. PUGH moved to insert "twenty."

Mr. WICKARD moved to insert "thirty," and after the word "constitution" to insert "five thousand to be in the German language."

Mr. BRISCOE. I hardly think these extra copies of the constitution will be printed and distributed throughout the State before the vote is taken. If a copy of the constitution adopted by the convention could be printed in the public journals of the State, they would be sufficiently distributed among the people of

the State by that time. These copies to be distributed will hardly reach members before the vote on the adoption of this constitution. They are pamphlet copies, and it may be that they will be, I hope they will be, of no material use to anybody.

Mr. STROCKBRIDGE. I have two objections to the order. I understand the purpose to be to distribute the new constitution so that it may be intelligently adopted by the people. In the first place, it seems to me that the machinery suggested is too slow; and in the second place, that there will not be enough copies published, even at the largest estimate which has been made.

It will be slow work to set up and print off the constitution, taking perhaps a week or ten days; and as much longer for members to distribute them, if they ever do it, which may be a matter of doubt with regard to some members, if we leave it to them.

I find upon the journal of proceedings of the last convention that the gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. Ridgely) offered the following order :

*Ordered*, That the chair appoint a committee of three to contract with the Baltimore Sun, or some other newspaper in the city of Baltimore for the publication of the constitution entire, in extra newspaper form, and for supplying fifty thousand copies to be distributed as follows : to the various county newspapers in the State, in proportion as near as may be, to their respective subscription lists, and two hundred copies to be furnished to each member of the convention, the contract to be executed within one week after the close of the session."

Published in that form, and sent out as extra sheets of these papers, they reach every subscriber throughout the State within a week or ten days from the time the convention adjourns. I should greatly prefer that we should adopt something similar in form to the plan adopted by the last convention.

The question being taken upon Mr. WICKARD's amendment, it was rejected.

Mr. RIDGELY moved to insert "fifty," and the words "ten thousand copies to be printed in the German language."

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. STROCKBRIDGE submitted the following amendment :

Strike out all after the word "that" in the first line, and insert :

"The chair appoint a committee of three to contract with the Baltimore American or some other newspaper or newspapers, for the publication of the constitution entire in extra newspaper form, 5,000 copies in the German language and 50,000 in the English, to be distributed as follows : two hundred copies to be furnished to each member of the convention and the remainder to be equally distributed by said committee among the various county newspapers and postmasters who will