

him. We have made this contract; let us stick to it like men, and let Mr. Tatman be continued in his office until he shall have accomplished the work to which we have appointed him. I have no disrespect for any other gentleman connected with this body as an officer. So far as I know they have performed their duties faithfully. And if it be necessary that the clerk of this body, or any other officer, should be associated with Mr. Tatman, in the performance of this, as it appears to me, his legitimate duty, and that fact can be shown, I have no objection to it. But I do protest against ousting a man from his office, whom we have placed there.

Mr. PURNELL. I indorse with great pleasure everything that has been said by my friend from Caroline (Mr. Todd) in relation to Mr. Tatman. I think he has performed the duties which have devolved upon him with singular fidelity. It is true that for the last two weeks he has performed the entire labor himself. Mr. Collins, his associate, as has been stated, has been called home by serious indisposition in his family, scarlet fever in a very malignant form prevailing among them, and he has necessarily been detained by their bed-sides. That has devolved the whole duty upon Mr. Tatman; and I think that should entitle him to some little consideration in disposing of the patronage which this convention may have in its power.

I shall with great pleasure vote for the order introduced by the gentleman from Allegany county (Mr. Hebb) dividing this duty between Mr. Tatman and the secretary. It seems to me that their spheres are different. It was not contemplated that the folder should direct and distribute the matter to the various members; that more properly belongs to the secretary of this body. I am in favor of retaining both of them. And with that conviction of justice and right on my mind, I shall vote for the first order.

Mr. NEGLEY. Would it be in order to move to amend this substitute?

The PRESIDENT. Not now.

Mr. NEGLEY. Then I indorse everything that has been said by the gentleman from Caroline (Mr. Todd.) And I cannot agree with the gentleman from Worcester (Mr. Purnell,) that it is proper to divide this labor with the secretary. If there are two persons at all needed, the labor should be divided between those employees to whom the duty legitimately and properly belongs. The secretary has no connection whatever with the distribution of the documents of this convention. The folder and the postmaster are the proper parties for the distribution of these papers. And if there is to be any division of labor which will have to be performed by the employees of this convention, those two officers are the only two employees who have any legitimate connection with this matter. The folder to fold them, and the postmaster

to direct and frank them to the different members. I submit to gentlemen whether that duty does not legitimately belong to the postmaster. It is no part of the duties of the folder to direct and frank these documents. And at the proper time I will move to connect the postmaster with the folder. I am certainly opposed to ousting the folder. I think the duty should not be taken away from him, because it naturally and properly belongs to him.

Mr. GREENE. If any wrong has been done to anybody, it seems to me it has been done to the folder appointed by this convention, whose name was omitted by the gentleman from Caroline (Mr. Todd.) The convention at the commencement of its session appointed two folders; one of whom has been left entirely out of the question.

Mr. TODD. The folder from Worcester county, Mr. Collins, was under the necessity of returning home in consequence of the serious indisposition of his family. When he left he said he would not be able to be back, and gave over to Mr. Tatman all claim whatever to any position after the convention adjourned. That was the understanding between them.

Mr. GREENE. Every member desires to have sent to him the remaining sheets of the debates. We have probably not yet received the half of them, and it will be months before their distribution is completed. Some person should be kept here to direct these debates, and perhaps a folder to fold them. The receiving and folding these documents will involve the much larger portion of the expenses. I do not know the folder; I do not know how far he is competent to the duty of addressing a thousand copies per day.

Mr. TODD. He is an excellent penman, and very rapid.

Mr. GREENE. I am glad to hear it. But the labor of addressing a thousand copies a day is very arduous. I contemplate in my order that the secretary be furnished with the names of the parties to whom members desire to have these debates sent. And he can fold them and address them in Baltimore, where they are printed, and mail them in the Baltimore city post office. And it strikes me that the amount of compensation fixed, six dollars per thousand copies, is a limited one, and vastly cheaper than the other plan. And I think that we would be vastly more likely to receive the remaining copies of the debates in the way I propose, than we would be to receive them from Annapolis. That is all the object I have in offering this. I would be very glad to do anything for Mr. Tatman that I could do properly.

Mr. STROCKBRIDGE. This is perhaps rather a small matter, this squabbling over a residuary legacy. But after all it amounts to something as far as the members and the State are concerned. I believe that it is conceded