

The substitute was accordingly adopted.

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

Mr. ABBOTT. I shall vote "no" on this proposition, as I have an amendment which I desire to offer, and which I very much prefer to this.

Mr. BELT. I think the secretary is the proper officer to represent this convention after it adjourns; and the proper officer to have charge of this matter, whoever else may be under him. I would like to pay him a more liberal compensation: but as I believe that this is the best that can be done, I shall vote for it. I vote "aye."

Mr. GALLOWAY. I am in favor of having Mr. Tatman with the secretary to perform this work; and therefore upon this proposition I vote "no."

Mr. NEGLEY. As the house has refused to insert the name of the folder, who I believe should be the one to have this work, and have manifested a determination to give it on these terms to the secretary, I vote "aye."

Mr. PETER. I believe the folder is the proper person to do this work. He was selected for this purpose; and believing that this is throwing him out of what properly belongs to him, I shall vote "no."

Mr. TODD. I have no personal feeling against any officer of this body. But simply upon the ground of economy I shall be compelled to vote in the negative upon this proposition. I have been informed by the chairman of the committee on printing (Mr. Valliant) that two forms a day will be struck off—that is, two thousand copies a day. I have been informed by Mr. Tatman that he could fold and send off those two thousand copies a day, which will be at a cost of five dollars; whereas, by the adoption of this order the convention will pay eight dollars a day. I therefore vote "no."

Mr. MILLER. I move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of the gentleman from Charles (Mr. Davis) was adopted, striking out "six dollars" and inserting "four dollars." I voted for that amendment without properly reflecting upon the extent of the labor to be imposed upon the secretary in folding, directing and mailing this large number of debates. A few days ago a book was passed around to members of this body, requesting them to write in it the names and addresses of those persons to whom they were in the habit of sending copies of the journal of debates. Now, if the secretary, under this order, takes a book of that kind, and addresses these debates to each individual named in that book, it will certainly be no easy task for him to perform the merely clerical labor of directing a thousand copies in that way. You could not go into a counting house in Baltimore city and get a clerk to do it for one dollar. The folding will be

three dollars a thousand according to the estimate made here. The only compensation, therefore, for doing this large amount of work will be but one dollar a thousand copies, which is certainly a very small compensation. The printer, I understand, is to furnish the wrapping paper and fold these documents.

The PRESIDENT. That paper will be furnished by the State.

Mr. MILLER. The gentleman from Caroline (Mr. Todd) spoke of the number to be sent off each day. We are entitled to but ten copies each of each signature of these debates, and if two signatures a day are printed then the sooner the debates will be completed. It is only four or six dollars a signature, and the printing of two signatures a day will only be getting through the matter sooner. I make this motion to reconsider for the reason that the merely clerical work of directing a thousand copies of these debates in the way in which we direct them here at our desks every day, to be sent to our friends, will not be properly compensated by one dollar. I would not ask any person in the world to do it for that.

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles. I will explain to the gentleman how the thing is to be done, and he will then see that there will be no clerical labor. The directions on these wrappers will be printed before these sheets are folded, and when the folding is done all the directing is done, just as the directions on newspapers which one sees every day, and one dollar a thousand is, I think, an ample compensation.

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington. I will state another thing about this folding. I am satisfied the secretary can employ a boy to fold them for seventy-five cents a thousand, and any boy can fold two thousand a day. If the State furnishes the paper, and he can employ a boy for seventy-five cents a thousand, I think the balance of the four dollars a thousand will pay him very handsomely, even if he should use a pen for directing every one of them.

Mr. PETER. I will second the motion of the gentleman from Anne Arundel (Mr. Miller) to reconsider this matter, with a view to retain the folder as well as the secretary; to let each one of them finish up his respective labors here. We have selected them for that purpose. They have been with us all the time. They understand all their duties. And even if it should cost a little more, let it be done right. Let us be enabled to look with certainty to receiving these sheets of debates, which are important to us, and also that the files we have attempted to keep here shall be made complete. Therefore, if the matter is reconsidered, I shall move to keep the secretary and folder both.

Mr. NEGLEY. I do not think we ought to