

Schley, Sneary, Swope, Thomas, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden.—28.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Brown, Carter, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hoffman, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Mullikin, Murray, Parker, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester Stirling, Stockbridge, Todd, Turner, Wilmer.—40.

The order was accordingly rejected.

Mr. CUSHING, when his name was called, said: I think this would be an extremely expensive business. I think the newspapers of the counties would publish this constitution at once, for the sake of furnishing the news to their readers. We have provided for the printing of 60,000 copies, to be sent to the newspapers, to be distributed to their respective subscribers. This would be putting the State to an additional expense of six or eight thousand dollars for no purpose whatever, and I therefore vote "no."

Mr. SCHLEY, when his name was called, said: The experience of this State has shown that the reason assigned by the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Cushing) for voting against this order, is not well founded; that is, that the newspapers would publish this constitution as an item of news. That was not our experience at the time of the last convention. This order provides that this constitution shall be published in two newspapers in each county, where two newspapers are published. I am not prepared at this time to say how many counties have each two newspapers. But I think there are not more than five counties in which two newspapers are published at this time.

The PRESIDENT. There are five on the eastern shore. I do not know about the western shore.

Mr. SCHLEY. I am sure not half of them. But even if all the counties had two newspapers each, I do not believe that the cost of its publication would be twenty-five hundred dollars for the State. But the sum is unimportant compared with the necessity and advantage of bringing this constitution in a familiar newspaper form home to every man's door. That I consider wholly outside of the question here. I shall therefore cheerfully vote "aye."

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. ABBOTT submitted the following:

"Ordered, That this convention recommend the governor, immediately after the adoption of the new constitution, to issue pardons to all persons now held in confinement for any violation of the laws made for the protection of slavery in this State."

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

Upon this question Mr. CUSHING called for the yeas and nays, but they were not ordered.

The question was then taken upon the motion to lay the order on the table, and it was agreed to.

Mr. GREENE submitted the following order:

"Ordered, That the committee on accounts be directed to adjust the per diem and mileage, according to law, of the several members of the convention up to and inclusive of Tuesday, the sixth day of September, 1864, and to issue certificates for the same to members on and after that day."

Mr. GREENE said: The object of that order is to enable the committee on accounts to make up the several accounts of members, and have their certificates prepared in anticipation of the time of adjournment. I think the convention has already decided that it will not adjourn *sine die*, but adjourn subject to the call of the President. In the absence of any such order as this it strikes me that the committee on accounts will be unable to finish up its accounts by to-morrow.

Mr. DANIEL. I suppose it is pretty certain that we will adjourn to-morrow.

Mr. CUSHING. O! yes.

The question was then taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

Mr. VALLIANT. I submit the following, in regard to which I propose to make a word or two of explanation:

"Ordered, That the committee on accounts pay John McGarigle, one hundred dollars for extra services rendered, as superintendent of the printing of the debates of this convention."

This order has been prepared by the committee on printing and reporting. In so doing they have been actuated by this consideration: when the contract was made with Mr. McGarigle to superintend the printing for the sum of three hundred dollars, it was expected that the deliberations of this convention would not continue longer than from two to three months. The convention has not yet adjourned, although more than four months have elapsed since the organization of the convention. We therefore think Mr. McGarigle ought to receive more money than the amount contracted for. In addition to this reason, the printing of the debates of this convention will not be completed for perhaps two months to come, and during all that time the printing of the convention is to receive the attention of Mr. McGarigle. His services will therefore continue from six to seven months, whereas the committee, and Mr. McGarigle, and the people of the State, thought at the time the contract was made that the deliberations of this body would not continue longer than from two to three months, and he thought his services would not be required more than that time. But since his services have been much more arduous than the committee at first apprehended, the com-