

it is that Mr. Wingate can come into this convention and propose work for himself, and afterwards get propositions offered as substitutes for the action of a committee of this body?

Mr. GREENE. So far as the remarks of my colleague (Mr. Wickard) refer to me, all I have to say is that I do not recognize his right to catechise me in any shape whatever as to my action.

The question was upon agreeing to the substitute proposed by Mr. GREENE.

Upon this question Mr. THOMAS called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question was then taken by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 24, nays 32—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Brown, Chambers, Crawford, Dail, Daniel, Dent, Duvall, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Lee, Mitchell, Morgan, Parran, Ridgely, Schley, Scott, Stirling, Turner—24.

*Nays*—Messrs. Abbott, Annon, Audoun, Baker, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Delinger, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Maybugh, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parker, Purnell, Russell, Schlosser, Sneary, Swope, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wood—32.

The substitute was accordingly rejected.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE, when his name was called, said: If I understand this matter aright the proposition of the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Greene) was before the convention, and was referred to the committee on printing.—That committee have reported a substitute for that proposition, and we are now voting upon the order of the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Greene.)

Mr. AUDOUN. I can explain this matter so that the gentleman can understand it exactly.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. Well, I will not vote.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Purnell.) Does the gentleman ask to be excused from voting?

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I asked information from the chair, and did not get it.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Audoun) being a member of the committee, proposed to give the information.

Mr. AUDOUN. I am perfectly willing the chair should give it, if my colleague (Mr. Stockbridge) refuses to receive it from the committee on printing.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman ask to be excused from voting?

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. Yes, sir; I do not understand the question.

The question was then taken upon excusing Mr. STOCKBRIDGE from voting, and the convention refused to excuse him.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I will not vote in this convention upon any measure in regard to which I do not know how to vote. I decline

voting, and it may be so entered upon the journal, if any gentleman wishes.

It was accordingly ordered to be entered upon the journal that Mr. STOCKBRIDGE refused to vote upon the question under consideration.

The question recurred upon agreeing to the order reported by the committee on reporting and printing.

Mr. THOMAS. I desire to offer as an amendment that portion of the order of the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Greene,) which is in relation to the distribution of these constitutions.

Mr. GREENE. I have an amendment to offer to define the character of the publications, and I shall take it from the description in the order which I offered. My only object is to secure a handsome and well printed edition of the constitution.

Mr. THOMAS. My amendment can come in after that proposed by the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Greene) has been acted upon.

Mr. GREENE. I move to strike out all after the words "when adopted by the people of Maryland," and insert the following:

"The said constitution shall contain an elaborate index, prepared with reference to articles and sections, and also to the page.—The said constitution shall be printed in the best style, (with side notes,) on fair, white paper, with large, fair type, and well bound, and shall contain the names of the members of this convention, and a certificate of the clerk of the court of appeals that it is a true copy of the constitution passed by this convention; and the cost shall not exceed two dollars per copy."

Mr. VALLIANT. I have no objection to that.

Mr. THOMAS. I move to amend the amendment by adding to it the following:

"And the State librarian shall distribute said copies of the constitution as follows:

"One copy to each member of the convention; to the governor, lieutenant governor, comptroller, treasurer, attorney general, adjutant general, superintendent of public education, and commissioner of the land office, each one copy; to the judges and clerks of the circuit courts and the courts of Baltimore city, each one copy; to the judges and the clerk of the court of appeals, each one copy; to the orphans' courts of the State, each one copy; to the State's attorneys, each one copy; to the register of wills, each one copy; to the boards of county commissioners, each one copy; to the mayor of Baltimore city, one copy, and fifty copies to the governor for distribution among the governors of the several States.

"And the remaining copies shall be retained in the State library, subject to the disposition of the general assembly."

Mr. GREENE. I will accept the amendment.