

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Goldsborough, President ; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Berry, of Prince George's, Bond, Brown, Carter, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—61.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. PURNELL. I ask leave to submit the following order :

Ordered, That the State librarian, in distributing the debates under the order adopted on the 26th of July, 1864, deliver one copy of the same to each of the chaplains of this convention.

I offer this order at the wish of the chaplains of this convention, who have manifested a great deal of interest in the various propositions discussed before the convention, and who have expressed a desire to receive a copy of these debates.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. This is perhaps as good a time as any, while the matter is before the convention, to provide for the distribution in full. The order adopted on the 26th of July, is as follows :

Ordered, That the State librarian shall have bound 1,000 copies of the journal of proceedings, and 1,000 copies of the debates of this convention, at a cost not to exceed the rates per volume of binding the laws and journals of the last general assembly, and shall distribute the same as the laws and journals are now distributed, and the same amount allowed by law, to pay the expenses of distributing the laws and journals, is hereby directed to be paid for distributing the journal and debates of this convention. The remaining copies to remain in the library."

I concur fully in the order offered by the gentleman from Worcester (Mr. Purnell.) But I would be very glad to have him modify it, so as to include some other officers of this convention. I wish he would include six copies for the official reporter of the convention.

Mr. VALLIANT. I was about to submit an order to that effect.

Mr. PURNELL. I will accept the amendment.

Mr. HEBB. Under the order passed on the 26th of July, none of the members of the convention would get any bound copies of the debates. I had drawn up an order to meet that case.

Mr. VALLIANT. I have an order prepared, making provision for the entire distribution, which will perhaps meet the purpose of gentlemen here. I will read it, and if anybody has any better order than this, let him present it, and I will vote for it.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. This order of the 26th of July does not say to whom these debates shall be distributed.

Mr. VALLIANT. I offer this as a substitute for the order of the gentleman from Worcester (Mr. Purnell.)

Ordered, That the librarian be and is hereby directed to distribute the journal of debates as early as practicable, after the same shall have been printed and bound, as follows :

"One copy to each loyal State and territorial governor within the limits of the United States; six copies to the official reporter of the convention; two copies to each member of the convention; one copy to each officer of the convention; one copy each to the judges and clerks of the circuit courts, the several courts of the city of Baltimore, and of the court of appeals; one copy to each register of wills in the State, and one copy each to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the superintendent of public instruction."

Mr. HEBB. I will read the order I had prepared :

Ordered, That the bound copies of the journal of proceedings and of the debates be placed in the State library, and that the librarian distribute such number of the same as may be necessary, in the same manner and to the same persons, and the same officers as the laws of the general assembly are distributed; also to each member of the convention two copies of the debates, and one copy of the journal of proceedings; to the official reporter three copies of the debates; to the assistant reporter three copies of the debates; to each chaplain, officer and appointee of the convention one copy of the journal of proceedings and one copy of the debates; and the remaining copies of the journal of proceedings and of the debates shall be retained in the library, subject to the future order of the general assembly, and the president of the convention is hereby authorized to issue to the librarian his certificate for such sum as may be necessary to defray the expenses of such distribution."

Mr. PURNELL. I withdraw my order in favor of the one offered by the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Hebb.)

Mr. VALLIANT. I withdraw the substitute I offered.

The question was upon the order of Mr. HEBB.

Mr. ABBOTT. I move to amend by striking out "three" and inserting "six" as the number of copies for the chief reporter. It is well known that the chief reporter has occa-