

## FINAL READING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. ABBOTT. I move that the final reading of the constitution be made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. CUSHING. I would suggest 10 o'clock to commence the reading. It will take some time.

Mr. ABBOTT. I accept the amendment.

The motion as modified was then agreed to.

## DESCRIPTIVE AND HUMOROUS.

Mr. SCOTT. Our session is about to close. As we are in a pretty good humor at present, I have a little bit of pleasantry which I wish to perpetrate, at my own expense, and the expense of some others. I will say in advance, that as we will probably never all see each other's faces again, it will be a pleasant recollection to me all my life, to have met with the gentlemen who compose this body, and to have spent our time here so agreeably, and as I believe to our mutual satisfaction.

The *Sands* of this body are finally run out—not played out. [Laughter.] Our cherished *Chambers* will shortly know us no more as a Convention; and the pleasant *Hollyday* which we have enjoyed will soon be passed away. Though a democratic body, this Convention presents the anomaly of having in its midst a *Lord*, a *Noble*, a *Barron* and an *Abbott*, an *Earle*, and a *King*, with a *Mace*. In addition to gentlemen of learned professions, we have a *Turner* and a *Carter*, a *Miller* and a *Baker*, and a number of *Smiths*. Where there are streams there should be bridges; hence Baltimore city sends *Stockbridge*, with her *Brooks*; her *Stirling* men repose confidently on her *Cushing*; [laughter] her *Hatch* never breeds mischief; her *Daniel* is no false prophet, and her *Thomas* is neither doubting nor doubtful. St. Mary's county put her *Dent* in the Convention, but did not dinge the Constitution; Talbot glories in having sent her most *Valiant* man; Prince George's rejoices in her *Clarke* (clerk,) who sounds the key note of her choir, while, with her elegant *Belt*, she adorns this body. Queen Anne's, from windward to *Lee* is done *Brown*; Frederick, through her *Schley*-man, has made her *Mark-ey* in the Constitution, and her *Cunning-ham* will appear anon (*Annan*.) Worcester is no *Farrow* kine when she can raise such men as she sends to this House. The *Hopper* of Harford is well filled. [Laughter.] Allegany not being afflicted with *Hebb*-itude, *Thrust-on* the Convention one wicked (*Wickard*) man; her delegation, though fully ripe, contains one eminent *Greene*. Of the Washington county delegates I have only to say that the nigh man (*Nyman*) is worthy of his associates, and I hope they all *Mayhugh* their way to fortune and to fame. I have no fears that Anne Arundel will repudiate the work of the Convention, since she gives us her duly executed *Bond*. Baltimore county and Prince

George's county of their first fruits gave us their choice *Berries*. Somerset, though a quiet county, blew up a heavy *Gale*; [laughter] while Dorchester permits us to look upon her chosen *Dail* (dale.) Caroline's best *Toddy* sparkles in our debates. Carroll, having furnished one of the *Smiths* whose sturdy blows helped to forge the Constitution, thought she might be allowed to fill out her delegation with a *Wooden* man. [Laughter.] Cecil is never in the wrong *Pugh* (pew,) and I hope from imputations of offensive personalities to escape *Scott* free. I will conclude with the remark that the Secretary is a live *Cole*, to which his assistant may properly say pshaw! (*Shaw*.) Mr. President, I am a modest man, and shrink from notoriety; and I am admonished by the presence of the *ever-ready little Mac* of the *American*, that

"A chiel's amang ye takin' notes,  
And faith he'll print 'em."

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,  
The Convention adjourned.

## NINETIETH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 6, 1864.

The convention met at 9½ o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Belt, Berry, of Prince George's, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Duval, Ecker, Farrow, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Henkle, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valiant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—78.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

## OFFENCES UNDER THE SLAVE CODE.

Mr. ABBOTT moved to take from the table for consideration the following order submitted by him on yesterday:

"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."

Upon this motion Mr. PUGH called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.