

supported, I am not convinced of our right or power to take this money. And I am opposed to it in the next place for the reasons set forth by my colleague (Mr. Davis, of Charles.) I vote "no."

Mr. PUGH. I have not the least doubt that the gentlemen who support this proposition, do so in good faith. I have not a particle of doubt that they so interpret the law. I have examined the matter in every possible way, but I cannot so understand it. At the time I was elected to come to this convention, I never expected to get this extra compensation. I shall vote conscientiously upon this matter; I am not actuated by any buncombe feeling. I shall act just according to my convictions. I do not think I am entitled to this money, and I do not want it. I vote "no."

Mr. RUSSELL. This matter has been decided several times in the convention, and in the committee on accounts. I am very sorry to see it introduced here again. I believe most conscientiously that neither legally nor morally are we entitled to it. And if this proposition is adopted, I shall decline to receive the money. I vote "no."

Mr. SCHLEY. I merely wish to say that by the operation of the previous question, I have been prevented from offering an amendment to the pending proposition, which I think would have been received by the convention. It is unnecessary for me to repeat my views upon the question now pending. I shall most assuredly decline to receive the money, if this shall be adopted, which I hope will not be the case. I vote "no."

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I regret extremely that our record should be marred with this subject. I shall vote against this proposition because I do not think it right. There is no temptation, were the sum much larger than it is to induce me to do otherwise. At the same time I desire to say with reference, not to myself, but to others, that I hold the decision of this convention to make this matter equally applicable to all members, notwithstanding any sneer about being charitable at the expense of others. If the decision of this convention makes this legal for one, it is legal for all. If any one chooses to decline to receive it on moral grounds, it is right to do as he pleases. But no one has a right to point any sneer at another who has persistently objected to this proposition, but considers himself overruled by the better judgment of the convention. I vote "no."

The question recurred upon adopting the order as amended, as follows:

"Ordered, That the president of this convention be allowed a per diem of six dollars; and that the committee on accounts audit his accounts accordingly; and that the committee on accounts be hereby instructed to audit the mileage account of each member of this convention according to the joint resolution of the general assembly of this State at its

last session, adjusting the mileage of the members of that body."

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

The question was then taken by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 39, nays 34—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Abbott, Audoun, Barron, Belt, Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Crawford, Dail, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Gale, Hatch, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Mayhugh, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Peter, Ridgely, Smith, of Dorchester, Swope, Sykes, Turner, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—39.

*Nays*—Messrs. Annan, Baker, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Gallo-way, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Hoffman, Horsey, Keefer, Kennard, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Mullikin, Murray, Nymann, Parker, Pugh, Parnell, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Thomas—34.

The order as amended was accordingly adopted.

Mr. McCOMAS, when his name was called, said: Though in favor of the former part of this proposition, yet considering the latter part of it one of the worst acts of selfish and iniquitous legislation that ever characterized the general assembly of Maryland, I shall have to vote against the whole proposition, especially after having recorded my vote, with others, in favor of allowing future general assemblies of this State five dollars a day and no mileage. There was not one of us who was elected to this convention who expected to receive this mileage. I vote "no."

Mr. PUGH. I should like very much to have had an opportunity to vote for the first part of this proposition, because I believe it is justified by precedent and is nothing more than right. But as the matter now stands, it is impossible for me to vote for the first part without indorsing the rider. I am altogether opposed to that portion of it, and am therefore obliged to vote "no."

Mr. SCHLEY. I ask the unanimous consent of the convention to have the following entered on the journal.

"Ordered, That it be entered on the journal that Frederick Schley, one of the delegates from Frederick county, dissenting from the decision just come to by the convention, respectfully protests against its action in appropriating one hundred dollars to each member for extra itinerancy, and declines to take from the treasury of the State, the amount of additional compensation so awarded to him."

Mr. DENT. The gentleman from Frederick (Mr. Schley) has already fully stated his objections to the adoption of this order, and those objections have gone upon the journal