

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, May 30th, 1864.

The Convention met at 11 A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNamar.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Barron, Billingsley, Bond, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cushing, Dail, Davis of Charles, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelin, Farrow, Galloway, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Hollyday, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones of Somerset, King, Lee, Mace, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Purnell, Robinette, Sands, Scott, Smith of Dorchester, Sneyre, Stirling, Stockbridge, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard—50.

The proceedings of Friday were read and approved.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion of Mr. PURNELL, it was

Ordered. To be entered on the journal that Thomas B. Smith, of Worcester, is absent from his seat in the Convention in consequence of the serious illness of a member of his family.

On motion of Mr. MULLIKIN, it was

Ordered. That the Committee on the Electoral Franchise be requested to inquire into the expediency of inserting the following article in substance, into the Constitution :

That any person who has voluntarily left this State, and has gone into any one of the States now in rebellion against the Government of the United States, shall not be permitted to vote at any election or hold any office, or place of emolument or trust within the gift of the people of Maryland, for the space of three score years and ten.

And any one who now resides in this State, and is or has been aiding in the present rebellion against the Government of the United States, by word or act, shall not be permitted to vote at any election or hold any office of emolument or trust, within the gift of the people of Maryland, for the space of five years, after this rebellion shall have been crushed out.

Mr. KING submitted the following order :

Ordered. That the Comptroller of the Treasury be requested to report to this Convention a statement of all the expenses of the State Library other than books and stationery, from first January 1863, to 31st May 1864, inclusive.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I would like to know the object and necessity of this order.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I hope the gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr King,) will explain the object of his order. If it is in connection with our work here, I am willing to vote for it, or any other information which may be necessary.

Mr. KING. I thought this information

would be of some use to the members, inasmuch as it is proposed to make some difference in the salaries of officers, the librarian among the rest.

The question being taken upon the order, it was not agreed to.

Mr. GALLOWAY, from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following, which was agreed to :

REPORT.

To the Honorable the President of the Convention :

The Committee on Accounts in obedience to the orders of this Convention, respectfully report, that they have examined the claims of Thomas J. Corkran, William R. Hammond and Henry Tritch, and after a careful examination of said accounts, the Committee feel obliged to report, that in the judgment of this Committee the above named parties are not entitled to compensation. The committee therefore have rejected said claims.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. GALLOWAY, Chairman.

H. BAKER,

THOMAS RUSSELL,

E. S. PARKER,

W. S. WOODEN.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

The Convention renewed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Declaration of Rights.

The PRESIDENT. When the Convention adjourned on Friday last, the 14th article as amended was under consideration. If no further amendments are offered, the Secretary will proceed to read article 15.

The 15th article was then read, as follows :

“That sanguinary laws ought to be avoided as far as it is consistent with the safety of the State; and no law to inflict cruel and unusual pains and penalties ought to be made in any case, or at any time hereafter.”

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I propose to offer an amendment, which is one rather of form than of substance. If gentlemen will recur to the report, they will find that article 15 and article 24 relate to precisely the same subject, and are to some extent in the same words. Article 15 has just been read. Article 24 reads :

“That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel or unusual punishments inflicted by the Courts of Law.”

I submit the following amendment, which consolidates the two articles into one, without at all changing the sense of either; amend article 15 by striking out all after the word “that” in the second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

—“and excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel, unusual or excessive pains, penalties and punishments in any case inflicted.”

If that amendment is adopted, when we