

or ordinance of this State in contravention or subversion thereof.

Mr. THOMAS. As there appears to be an indisposition to address the house on this subject, and as there is no other business before us, and as a train of cars starts at half past two o'clock, I move that the Convention adjourn.

Mr. PUGH demanded the yeas and nays; and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 15, nays 33—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Berry of Prince George's, Clarke, Cunningham, Davis of Charles, Duvall, Horsey, Jones of Somerset, Marbury, Markey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Peter, Thomas, Wilmer—15.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Hebb, Hopper, McComas, Mullikin, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Russell, Schlosser, Scott, Smith of Worcester, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thruston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—33.

So the motion was rejected.

A quorum not having voted,

On motion of Mr. HEBB,

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Berry of Prince George's, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Charles, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Hebb, Hopper, Horsey, Jones of Somerset, Keefer, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Peter, Pugh, Russell, Schlosser, Scott, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Worcester, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—50.

There being a quorum present,

On motion of Mr. CUSHING,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. CUSHING moved that the further consideration of Article 4th, be postponed until Thursday next, and that the Convention proceed with Article 27th, and the following articles.

Mr. PUGH. I am opposed to that motion. The gentleman has stated no reason for it whatever. I presume we are all prepared to vote one way or the other; and there is a quorum here for the transaction of business. There is nothing at all to prevent our passing that article. If there is, the gentleman did not state it. If there are any persons who wish to speak on this article, it was their duty to be here and speak. Since they are not here, why should we delay.

Mr. CUSHING. The chairman of this committee (Mr. Stirling) did expect to speak

upon this article; but he was called away from the city by a dispensation of Divine Providence, as stated in an order which I offered this morning.

Mr. PUGH. I altogether overlooked that.

Mr. NEGLEY. There are five or six speeches to be made before the chairman will be required to speak. Why not go on with them? I can see no earthly reason for the postponement. The House is as full as it was yesterday.

Mr. PETER. My idea is that we come here to be enlightened by each other; not that two or three of us are to stay here and debate, but that all of us should be here and have the benefit of what is said, except in certain cases where some may be sick, and of course could not be expected to be here. But this morning we have a bare quorum of fifty present. Is it right when a matter of so much importance is pending, that we should go on and debate with so few members present? Some members have not had the advantage of the debates which have already taken place. The gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. Ridgely) yesterday stated that these debates had not yet been published. We have not had an opportunity of examining the speeches that have been made; and I think it is but just and right that we should have an opportunity to read them, that we may be able to reply to them if it should be necessary. I think we should always be willing, when there is a mere quorum present, to allow matters of the importance of the question now pending, to go over until we can get a respectable majority of the members of the Convention in attendance.

Mr. SCOTT. I do not feel like pressing this question to a vote; but I certainly feel like requiring any member who has anything to say upon it to speak now. Members on both sides have prepared themselves to speak, and I see no reason in the world why they should not proceed. I hope members will be obliged either to speak or to vote; and I do not care which.

The motion to postpone the consideration of the 4th Article prevailed—ayes 27; noes not counted.

Articles 27, 28, and 29, were read, and no amendments were offered.

Article 30th, was read as follows:

Art. 30. That no soldier shall in time of peace be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war except in the manner prescribed by law.

Mr. CLARKE submitted the following amendment:

Article 30, strike out all after the word "owner" in the second line, and insert the words "and in time of war in such manner only as the Legislature shall direct"

Mr. PUGH. I submit that that amendment makes no substantial change in the article.

Mr. CLARKE. It is only to make it conform to the old bill of rights.