

Abbott, Annan, Baker, Barron, Brooks, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Mace, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—53.

Nays—Messrs. Belt, Berry, of P. George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Duvall, Edelen, Gale, Harwood, Henkle, Hollyday, Horsey, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Peter, Smith, of Dorchester, Turner, Wilmer—32.

On motion of Mr. VALLIANT,
The Convention adjourned.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY.

FRIDAY, June 17, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNemar.

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, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Mace, Marbury, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—81.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. WOODEN,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal, that Dr. John Swope, of Carroll county, is absent from his seat on account of illness in his family.

On motion of Mr. TODD,

Collins Tatman (folder) was allowed leave of absence for a few days.

On motion of Mr. AUDOUN,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal, that if Mr. Audoun had been present on Thursday, June 16, he would have voted against all amendments that were offered to the fourth article of the Declaration of Rights,

and that he would have voted for the article as reported by the committee.

CORRECTION OF DEBATES.

Mr. BRISCOE. I desire to make a correction of the report of my remarks, on page 134 of the "Debates," which as reported by the very efficient and able reporter of this body, either from the inaccuracy of my own language or from the fallibility of the reporter, are susceptible of some misconstruction; for the language as reported does not convey the meaning I intended to convey to the Convention. I ask that I may be permitted to substitute a revised copy of those remarks in the place of the report in the debates, as I should have done if I had been present when that portion of the debates was laid upon the tables of members for correction. I desire merely to correct the grammatical order and phraseology of my remarks, and not in any manner to vary their true meaning.

The PRESIDENT suggested that the better way would be to submit the revised copy to appear upon the debates of to-day.

Mr. BRISCOE. I desire to strike out and insert.

Mr. HEBB. I should object to that; not that I object to the correction, but that it destroys the whole setting of the type.

The PRESIDENT. It would put the printer to the necessity of reprinting that matter. It would be better to offer the revised remarks to appear in this place as of to-day.

Mr. STIRLING. I should not object to that; but gentlemen should understand that if they have any particular care how their remarks appear, they can always have the opportunity of seeing what the report is before it goes into the Debates; and if they omit that, it is at their own risk, excepting such correction as can be made in the proof. But the gentleman from Calvert, it seems, could not correct the proof, being absent at the time.

Permission was granted to print the revised remarks, which are as follows:

Mr. BRISCOE said: I move to insert after the word "times," the words "in the mode prescribed in this Constitution." This will make it conform to the article in the bill of rights as it now stands in the Constitution. I do not know that it is necessary for me to go into an argument or to give the reasons why I am disposed to adhere to that article of the bill of rights as it now exists. The reasons for it will present themselves to gentlemen on all sides. The construction of this article gave rise to considerable discussion at the time the Legislature was in the act of providing for the call of this Convention. I believe it has been conceded when any action shall be taken to modify or change the organic law of the State, it should be preceded by some legislative action directing the mode and manner in which a Convention shall assemble. The precedents for it are uniform.