

come before us during our entire session. I trust that while this subject is under consideration we will continue on from day to day, with only an adjournment from one day to the next. I therefore hope that when we adjourn to-day it will be to meet again to-morrow.

Mr. RIDGELY. To-morrow will be Saturday. Many members here desire to spend the Sabbath at home, and consequently there is generally a very slim attendance here on Saturdays. And in view of the fact that the gentleman from Baltimore city, (Mr. Stockbridge,) has named—that the subject under consideration is a very important one, it appears to me we ought to consider it in a full house.

Mr. NEGLEY. I hope this motion will not prevail. As has been very properly said by the gentleman from Baltimore city, (Mr. Stockbridge,) we have just commenced the discussion of one of the most important subjects to be acted upon by this Convention. And shall we thus suddenly, and without any sufficient cause, cut short this discussion, and scatter the members of this House over the State? If we adjourn over to-morrow, there are many members who live at considerable distance from here, may be tempted to go home, and they will not get back here before Tuesday. Besides that, there is a disposition among the members of this house engaged in agricultural pursuits, to have a vacation, if possible, during the harvest time. We have, therefore, no time to lose in the discussion and disposition of this matter. Let us go on, and peradventure we can finish it next week. And if we do get through, and the gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr. Ridgely,) submits a motion next Friday to adjourn, I will support it. But let us keep on now, and do this work, if possible.

Mr. ECKER called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken by yeas and nays, and resulted yeas 39, nays 38, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Belt, Berry, of P. George's, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Duvall, Edelen, Gale, Hatch, Henkle, Hollyday, Hopkins, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Peter, Ridgely, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Dorchester, Todd, Turner, Wilmer—39.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Baker, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopper, Keefer, King, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling,

Stockbridge, Sykes, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—38.

Pending the call of the yeas and nays, the following explanations were made by members as their names were called:

Mr. NOBLE. I ask to be excused from voting. I am under the necessity of going home to-morrow if the Convention will excuse me from attendance here. I do not, therefore, like to vote for or against this motion.

The Convention refused to excuse the gentleman from voting; and he voted "no."

Mr. SANDS. I ask to be excused from voting upon the same ground with my friend from Caroline (Mr. Noble) I have tried to be punctual in my attendance here, but I shall be obliged to be away to-morrow, and I do not want to vote to keep other gentlemen here, when I desire to be away myself.

Not excused, and voted "aye."

Mr. SCHLEY. I find myself in the same category with the gentlemen who have asked to be excused from voting. As the Convention has refused to excuse them from voting, I suppose they will not excuse me. I therefore vote "aye."

Mr. VALLIANT. I am not exactly in the category of the gentleman from Caroline, (Mr. Noble,) the gentleman from Howard, (Mr. Sands,) and the gentleman from Frederick, (Mr. Schley.) I do not know whether I shall be here to-morrow or not. If I am not under medical treatment, I shall be here to-morrow; if I am, then I shall not be here. I do not think, however, that the Convention ought to adjourn over whether I am here or not; I therefore vote "no."

The PRESIDENT directed the Secretary to read the 25th rule, as follows:

"No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention unless he have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend.

The motion that when the Convention adjourn to-day it be until Monday next at 12, M., was accordingly adopted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. PETER. I have received a letter from my family, stating that some of them are sick. If they are well enough I will return on Monday or Tuesday. But if I shall go home I should like to remain with my family until they are better. I therefore ask leave of absence until Thursday next, promising to be back sooner if I can.

Leave was accordingly granted.

Mr. TODD. I received a letter this morning requiring my presence at home as soon as I can get there. I therefore ask leave of absence until Thursday next.

Leave was accordingly granted.

On motion of Mr. KING—

The Convention then adjourned.