

meeting at 10 o'clock, and there may be others. If the Convention adjourns, these committees cannot meet.

Mr. STIRLING. It is impossible to make a rule to suit the convenience of all the members, equally. Some gentlemen live in Annapolis and can go home every day until the Convention adjourns. They can go home to their meals, and to drinks between meals. If we are to reduce everybody to that standard, the Convention cannot sit two days in the week. The delegation from Baltimore happen to live near, and can go home often. That is the result of circumstances. It is an advantage we happen to have. If everybody else in the Convention is to be governed by the same mill, we shall have to take two more days to enable distant members to go home. When it is necessary for them to go, they can apply to this Convention, and get leave to go home, and still we can always have a working quorum. We may allow some to go home; but should not allow all to go home. There is no difficulty about the gentleman from Cecil getting leave of absence for two days, either every other week. I am perfectly willing the Convention should stay here every Saturday; but I am not willing to adjourn on any other day except Saturday. The last Legislature adjourned over Saturday, but not over Monday. The delegates from Cecil in the last House of Delegates went home and came back Monday morning; and I think from the very town where my friend lives. I know it is very inconvenient. They have to get up very early in the morning, something like 12 o'clock at night, to do it; but I know it was done last winter.

Mr. NEGLEY. The gentleman from Baltimore ought to have a little consideration for the delegations from some of the other counties. We were struggling as hard as we could struggle, some time ago, to go to Baltimore, in order that we might have some sort of chance to go home or back occasionally. I believe that gentleman used all his power and influence to prevent us from getting so much nearer home. I do think it is rather hard and unfair that he should now attempt to introduce a system of adjournment that results practically to his own benefit and the benefit of these similarly circumstanced, and entirely ignore Washington and Allegany county.

Another thing. One of the gentlemen from Baltimore city says that if we adjourn over to-day, there are some of the delegates who cannot get back by Tuesday. That will not happen to any from the western part of the State. We can go home to-morrow, and get back by Tuesday.

Mr. PUGH. The gentleman from Washington county (Mr. Negley) has suggested about all I wished to say in regard to the matter. But the point and mode before was not exactly reached by the gentleman from

Baltimore city. What I objected to was adjourning from Friday until Monday, when we could adjourn from Saturday until Tuesday, and be absent from here precisely the same length of time, and a large majority of the Convention would receive more benefit. I do not pretend to suggest a plan by which all the members should be equally benefited, but the delegation from the western and some other parts of the State would be more benefited by our absence for the same length of time.

Mr. KING. I do not see, in adjourning from Saturday until Tuesday, that any gentleman can reach home at all except the Baltimore delegation. We go to Baltimore; and from that place there is no conveyance on Sunday, so that we are confined there, and on Monday we come back. I wish some decision by which we shall either be allowed to go home, or else stay here altogether. I have no objection to staying here; but when we do go home, let us have time to get home, and to have a day there. I think we may be able to go when the committees have reported, so as to give us time to deliberate.

Mr. TODD. I am opposed to adjournments of this sort, as a general thing, and shall vote against them. It is only in view of the fact that we have nothing of pressing importance before the Convention that I feel disposed to vote in favor of an adjournment now. I feel authorized to say that we shall probably have something before us by Wednesday at the farthest upon which we can act. If we remain here we cannot act much before that time, because there will be no committee ready to report before Wednesday, in all probability, even if we should remain here.

The amendment was rejected.

On motion of Mr. STIRLING,

The order was laid upon the table.

MESSRS. LANSDALE, PETER, PUGH, MARBURY, PARRAN, NEGLEY, and SCOTT asked and obtained leave of absence;

MESSRS. PUGH, PARRAN and NEGLEY assigning as a reason, important business engagements, and Mr. SCOTT that he had nothing to do here having finished his duties upon the committee of which he was a member.

Mr. BELT moved to reconsider the vote by which the order to adjourn over was laid upon the table.

The motion was agreed to.

The question recurred upon the original order, to adjourn until Tuesday next.

Mr. CUSHING demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered; and the question being taken the result was—yeas 25; nays 49—as follows:

Yeas.—Messrs. Harwood, Bond, Henkle, Hatch, Daniel, Abbott, Thomas, Scott, Pugh, Turner, Parran, Todd, Carter, Noble, Johnson, Hodson, Markey, Sykes, Blackiston, Lansdale, Peter, Belt, Marbury, Morgan, Jones of Somerset.—25.