

THIRTY-NINTH DAY.

THURSDAY, June 23, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Patterson.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Berry, of Baltimore county, Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Thurston, Turner, Wickard, Wooden—77.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. MULLIKIN,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that James Valliant, of Talbot, is absent from his seat in this body on account of business in Baltimore as chairman of the Committee on Reporting and Printing.

On motion of Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, Mr. BELT was granted leave of absence until Saturday next.

ADJOURNMENT OVER.

Mr. CHAMBERS. There was yesterday laid upon the table a proposition in regard to the adjournment of this body. I understand, and I act upon the assumption, that there is a disposition generally, and particularly among those who are engaged in agricultural pursuits, or have interests of that description to attend to at home, to desire an opportunity of being at home during harvest. Information has reached me that our harvest commences, in my portion of the State, either yesterday or to-day. If an adjournment was that it should not take place until it is to take place, I should like to have it at an early period. The suggestion until the Convention had disposed of the question now before them. I think the development sufficiently indicates that that cannot be expected to-day or to-morrow; after which time an adjournment will not effect the purpose for which it is chiefly desirable. I should hope, therefore, while the House will indulge in a full and deep interest in this question before them, they will not wait for the termination of that debate, which is not to be expected to-day or to-morrow. I

move, therefore, that that order be taken from the table for consideration.

The order was taken up from the table—ayes 35, noes 33—and was read as follows:

Ordered, That immediately after its final action on the Declaration of Rights, the Convention adjourn till twelve o'clock on the sixth of July, and that until said adjournment the Convention hold evening sessions, commencing at eight o'clock, P. M.

To which Mr. Brown had submitted the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "Ordered," and insert "That when the Convention adjourns to-morrow, it shall stand adjourned until the 6th day of July next, and that the per diem of the members and officers be suspended during said recess.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, demanded a division of the question.

The question then being on the adoption of the first clause of the amendment, to wit: That when the Convention adjourns to-morrow it stands adjourned until the sixth day of July next.

Mr. DANIEL demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 34, nays 41—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Berry, of P. George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Davis, of Charles, Duvall, Gale, Harwood, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopkins, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, King, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Parran, Peter, Purnell, Ridgely, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Thomas, Turner—34.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thurston, Wickard, Wooden—41.

So the first clause of the amendment was rejected.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

The order was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. BILLINGSLEY,

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that the absence of Mr. Morgan is occasioned by indisposition.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS—ABOLITION OF SLAVERY.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the 23d Article of the Declaration of Rights, on its second reading, as follows:

"Article 23. That hereafter, in this State, there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly con-