

expatriated himself, or does not recognize or admit his allegiance to the United States, to require of the person so offering to vote and challenged, the following oath or affirmation of allegiance, as a test of citizenship, and to reject the vote of any person declining or refusing to take such oath or affirmation :

I ——, do solemnly swear, or affirm, that to the best of my knowledge and ability, I will support, protect, and defend the Government of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this oath, (or affirmation,) freely and voluntarily, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

Pending the consideration of which,

On motion of Mr. Claude,

The House, at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock, took a recess until half past four o'clock.

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MONDAY, January 25, 1864, 4½ o'clock, P. M.

The House met, present at the call of the roll, the following members :

Messrs. Kemp, Speaker, Martin, Westcott, Cosden, Griffith, Carrico, Hoffman, Pearce, of Baltimore county, Kerr, McNeal, Mathews, Douglass, Elliott, Stubbs, Pierce, of Queen Anne's, Tolson, Duncan, Murray, of Worcester, Hammond, Buhrman, Biggs, Rinehart, Snyder, Trail, McCoy, Hitchcock, Archer, Ridgaway, Silverwood, Stockbridge, Lee, Murray, of Baltimore city, Cushwa, Masters, Miller, Gantz, Zeigler, Fawcett, Greene, Shaw, Brown, Hebb, Ecker, Starr, Tyson.

The House resumed the consideration of the Convention bill.

The question being upon the amendment offered by Mr. Jones, to the amendment offered by Mr. Tyson.