

explanation, made on the following day, will appear in the proceedings of that day.

Mr. WEEMS dissented from the views of Mr. RIDGELY. It was not required that persons should believe in the Christian Religion, but he thought that every individual should be required to declare his belief in a future state of rewards and punishments, and that, if they would not do so, they should not be allowed to testify.

After a few remarks from Messrs. DONALDSON and RIDGELY,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 7th, 1851.

The Convention met at eleven o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GRIFFITH.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. BISER enquired of the chair, whether it was in order to offer a resolution.

The PRESIDENT said it would be in order if there were no reports from committees.

Mr. JENIFER, chairman of committee No. 14, submitted the following

REPORT.

Article 1. There shall be a Board of Public Works, consisting of three commissioners, who shall be elected as herein provided, and to receive a salary to be fixed by law, but not liable to be increased or diminished during their continuance in office.

Art. 2. At the first general election of Delegates to the General Assembly, after the adoption of this Constitution, these commissioners, as aforesaid, one from the Eastern Shore, and two from the Western Shore, shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State, (the returns of which election shall be made and certified to the Governor,) one of whom shall hold his office for years, from the first Monday in the month of November ensuing his election, one for years, and one for years, from the same period; and at their first meeting, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall determine, by lot, which of their number shall hold his office for years respectively, and thereafter there shall be elected, as aforesaid, at each general election of Delegates, one commissioner for the term of years, to be taken in the proportion aforesaid from the Eastern and Western Shores, and in case of a vacancy in the office of either of the commissioners by death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall fill the same until the next general election.

Art. 3. The said commissioners shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision on all public works in which the State may be interested as stockholder or creditor; shall represent the State

in all meetings of Stockholders, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. JENIFER,
Ordered to be printed and made the order of the day for to-morrow, the 8th inst.

Mr. TUCK rose to make an enquiry as to the motion which the gentleman, (Mr. Jenifer,) had made for the disposition of the report.

The PRESIDENT explained, that the report, in parliamentary phrase, had been made the order of the day, for to-morrow; that was to say, it would take its place in the order of business on the calendar, and would come up when previous orders had been disposed of.

THE HALL.

Mr. BISER offered the following order.

"Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to make such suitable arrangements of the seats in the South-west section of the House, as would better promote the convenience and comfort of the members occupying them."

Mr. SOLLERS offered an amendment, including in the Order, the part of the Hall in which he was seated.

Some difference of opinion as to the points of the compass, led to some amusing attempts to box it, after which,

Mr. SOLLERS withdrew his amendment,

And the order of Mr. BISER was adopted.

Thereupon, Messrs. BISER, TUCK and McLANE were appointed the committee.

MR. BROWN, OF CARROLL.

Mr. COCKEY offered the following order, which was adopted:

Ordered, That it be entered upon the Journal, that Mr. BROWN is detained from his seat in this Convention, by indisposition.

THE HALL.

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city, presented the account of Messrs. Haywood, Bartlett & Co., for repairs and alterations made to the furnace, under the order of the Convention.

Which was read and referred to the committee on accounts.

Mr. RANDALL offered the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on Printing prepare, for the use of this Convention, a synopsis of the relative increase or diminution of the slaves and free colored population of this State, as far as convenient from the various census.

Mr. R. explained that the enquiry contemplated by the order, was a very important one, and that the cost would be no more than the printing of one page of the journal, and an hour or two's labor on the part of the clerk of the committee on printing.

The order was adopted.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Convention the following communication from Jos. C. G. Kennedy, Esq., Superintendent of Census:

CENSUS OFFICE, Dep't. of Interior, }
February 6, 1851. }

Sir:—Enclosed I send you a corrected statement of the population of Frederick county, Md.