

those thrown out, by the gentleman from Worcester, who stands forward here as the friend of the sovereign people, a large portion of whom are poor. In England, where the institutions are aristocratic, and where the wealthy only obtain public employments, it may be very proper to cut down salaries. But here the very object of giving salaries sufficient to support those who are in office, is to prevent the poor from being excluded.

Mr. DIRICKSON asked whether two thousand dollars, and a residence wherever the home of the Governor may be, is not equal to four thousand dollars, and a residence during the whole year in Annapolis.

Mr. SOLLERS resumed. The people ask for no such reduction of salary. Let the gentleman take off the two thousand dollars from the salary, and how far would it relieve the people of the State of their burdens? How much would it diminish the annual taxation? Something is due to the dignity and character of the State. It was an expression of public sentiment which caused the salary to be raised.

The gentleman from Worcester said, that, in his county the people asked for a reduction of the salaries of public officers. In my county, (said Mr. S.) not a man desires it.

Mr. BUCHANAN desired to say but three words to put himself on the record. It was clear to him that the Governor of Maryland ought to reside at Annapolis—that he ought to be a gentleman, and that he should receive a salary sufficient to support the dignity of the office. Admitting all these propositions, he should go for the highest salary.

Some further remarks were made by Messrs. SOLLERS and FIERY at a late hour.

Mr. DIRICKSON briefly explained.

Mr. KILGOUR moved that the Convention adjourn.

The motion was decided in the negative, when

On motion of Mr. MAGRAW,

The Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 13, 1851.

The Convention met at ten o'clock.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. GRAUFF.

The journal of proceedings of yesterday, was read and approved.

The SECRETARY announced that Messrs. BRENT, of Charles, and CRISFIELD, were appointed members of the special committee ordered on yesterday in relation to doorkeepers, in the room of Messrs. DIRICKSON and ANNAN, who had been excused from serving.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Convention resumed the order of the day, being the report on the executive department.

The twenty-first section of the printed report being under consideration, and the question being on the motion of Mr. DORSEY, to amend the amendment to the section submitted by Mr. DIRICKSON by striking out "during the sessions of the legislature of the State," and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"During the session of the legislature, and in the recess thereof, be in the city of Annapolis, during the first week of every other month of his term."

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city, moved a call of the House;

Which was ordered.

Pending said call,

Mr. DORSEY withdrew his amendment.

Mr. FIERY moved to suspend all further proceedings under the call,

But the motion was decided in the negative.

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, informed the Convention that the doorkeepers had returned, and reported that they had notified the absent members.

The question then recurred on the amendment submitted by Mr. DIRICKSON.

Mr. PHELPS asked for a division of the amendment, and that the vote be first taken on inserting these words, "the Governor shall be in attendance at the seat of government during the sessions of the legislature of the State."

Mr. DIRICKSON asked for the ayes and noes on both branches,

And they were ordered accordingly.

Mr. PHELPS withdrew his motion for a division of the amendment.

Mr. DIRICKSON renewed the motion.

The question was then taken on the first branch of the amendment.

And it was decided as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Lee, Dorsey, Dalrymple, Bell, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Crisfield, Dashiell, Eccleston, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Gaither, Sappington, Nelson, Carter, Harcastle, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Davis, Brewer, Slicer, Smith, Cockey and Brown—28.

Negative.—Messrs. Blakistone, President, *pro tem.*, Dent, Hopewell, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Wells Randall, Kent, Sellman, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Phelps, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Tuck, Grason, Shriver, Wiser, McHenry, Magraw, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Kilgour, Waters, Weber, Hollyday and Parke—37.

So the first branch of the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurring on the second branch of the amendment, as follows:

"And shall receive for his services an annual salary of two thousand dollars,"

Mr. CRISFIELD asked if it was not a motion to strike out and amend?

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.* It is.

Mr. CRISFIELD then asked for a division of the question, so that it may be first taken on striking out.