

that had not been postponed upon the application of a single member. Now, this bill came up to-day, without any expectation, when the chairman of the committee was unprepared; and notwithstanding this, Convention refused to adjourn, or to lay it over till to-morrow. He would make a motion to lay the bill over until to-morrow.

Mr. Hicks said:

That from the commencement of the session to the present time, there had been a disposition throughout that respectable body to commit itself and its action, as far as possible, to the members of the Convention. Although there were a portion of the members who would be necessarily compelled to be absent a week, and as it had been the case that members had been accommodated by the postponement of a question until their return, yet the Convention had refused this courtesy to those who were compelled to be absent, which had been extended heretofore to others.

He did not desire to retard the business of the Convention, but as there were other subjects in which they could be profitably employed, there being many unfinished reports from standing committees, he could see no detriment that would result from postponing the bill now before them until Tuesday week.

An additional reason for doing this, would be the number of members that were now absent, who were obliged to be away on account of business. He would, therefore, move to postpone the subject until Tuesday week.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Which was negatived.

The question being on the motion to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Tuesday week,

Mr. GWINN demanded the yeas and nays;

Which were ordered.

Mr. MERRICK moved to amend the motion by striking out the words "Tuesday week," and inserting the words, "next Saturday."

The question was first taken on the amendment proposing the longest time—that of Mr. Hicks.

And it was not agreed to, by the following vote:

*Affirmative.*—Messrs. Morgan, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Weems, Dalrymple, Jenifer, Sherwood, of Talbot, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Sprigg, Dirickson, Sappington, Schley, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—25.

*Negative.*—Messrs. Buchanan, President, *pro tem.*, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Sellman, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Howard, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Lloyd, Dickinson, Williams, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, Bowie, McCubbin, George, Wright, Shriver, Biser, McHenry, Nelson, Stewart, of Caroline, Harcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Fiery, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower and Cockey—39.

The question then recurred on the motion of

Mr. Merrick to postpone the further consideration of the subject until Saturday next,

And being put,

Was decided in the negative.

The first section of the bill was then read.

Mr. DONALDSON moved to strike it out;

Which motion was agreed to.

And the Convention then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 21, 1851,

The Convention met at 10 o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. GRIFFITH.

The roll of the members was called, and the journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. CRISFIELD, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal, that the absence of Mr. DASHIELL, of Somerset, is occasioned by the illness of a member of his family.

On motion of Mr. MITCHELL, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal, that his absence from the Convention for several days past, was occasioned by indisposition.

On motion of Mr. JENIFER, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal, that Mr. CHAPMAN, the Hon. President, is detained at home by the illness of a member of his family.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, it was

Ordered, That it be entered upon the journal, that his absence from the Convention for several days past, was occasioned by indisposition.

On motion of Mr. DORSEY,

(By the unanimous consent of the Convention) he was permitted to amend the amendment offered by him on yesterday, to the 2d section of the report of the committee on the Attorney General and his Deputies, on page 466 of the Journal, by adding at the end thereof these words, "or the city of Baltimore."

#### LICENSE SYSTEM.

Mr. KILGOUR presented a petition of sundry citizens of the State, praying that provision be made in the new Constitution to restrict the privilege of selling intoxicating liquors, &c.,

Which was read, and

Referred to the committee already appointed on that subject.

#### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the several reports of the committee on representation.

Mr. FIERY moved to amend the report submitted by Mr. MERRICK, as chairman of the committee on representation, by striking out all after the words "the House of Delegates," in