

arriving at their conclusions, and the people would not regard any reasonable cost for that purpose.

Mr. MAGRAW did not wish to be understood as opposed to this extra appropriation for reporting, but he acted in the early part of the session without light. He desired information now, although he was satisfied with regard to the contract, for he had heard it read, and understood it. He desired to ask further information from the Committee on Printing. He wished to know whether they would ask for an extra appropriation for printing—whether, under the contract with the printer, it would not be necessary that an extra appropriation should be asked for the printing?

Mr. STEWART, of Baltimore city. Certainly.

Mr. BOWIE. We have heard no complaint from the printer.

Mr. MAGRAW. You will, though.

Mr. RICAUD said that he examined this question yesterday. He called upon the clerk who had kept the account with the printer, who informed him that up to last Saturday the printer had been paid in full, which was to the amount of \$1,250. Therefore, there was still on hand \$2,700. He thought the printer was safe enough.

Mr. DAVIS said, that having heretofore opposed the reporting of the debates in this Convention, he deemed it due to himself very briefly to state the considerations which would influence his vote on the present occasion. He heretofore opposed the reporting for reasons not now necessary to repeat. But it was a principle of his life, which he thought he should carry out in his public capacity, that whenever he made a contract with an individual to do a piece of work, and found that individual faithfully and satisfactorily performing his duty, and that the individual had been misled by him in the amount and character of the work to be done, or had deceived himself, he held himself bound, as an honorable man, to see him safely through the contract. He thought it was his duty to carry this principle out now.

There was another consideration which induced him to do this, and this was, as the honorable gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers) had stated. A very considerable number of his constituents had sent him money for subscribing to this register of debates. The reporter had been influenced by the committee, believing that the session would terminate a month and a half sooner. They were now in regular receipt of them, and expected to see them until the end of the session. This consideration, also, in addition to the one before stated, induced him to vote for a reasonable and just compensation, to enable the reporter to continue the work to the end of the session.

The question being on agreeing to the resolution,

Mr. SAPPINGTON asked the yeas and nays; which were ordered, and being taken, were as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Bond, Sollers, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, John Dennis, Dashiell, Wil-

liams, Hodson, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Wright, McMaster, Gaither, Magraw, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Davis, Kilgour, Waters, Anderson, Smith and Shower—40.

Negative—Messrs. Bell, Lloyd, Dickinson, McCullough, Miller, Shriver, Biser, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Ware, Fiery, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke and Brown—23.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Tuck submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the chairman of the several standing committees constitute a committee of revision, to whom shall be referred all articles of the Constitution after they shall have been passed upon by the Convention, to be examined and printed for the use of the Convention prior to their final adoption.

Pending the question on the order,

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, April 4, 1851.]

The Convention met at ten o'clock.

Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The roll of the members was called.

A quorum being present, the Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. FITZPATRICK, from the committee on further Amendments and Revisions of the Constitution, submitted the following report:

At the session of the General Assembly next succeeding the return of every census of the United States hereafter to be taken, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to take the sense of the people of Maryland at the next general election of delegates to be held thereafter, for and against a Convention; and if it be ascertained that a majority of the people are in favor of a Convention, the Legislature shall take measures for the election of delegates to and for the assembling of the Convention at the earliest convenient day.

All of which is respectively submitted,

JAMES FITZPATRICK,
THOS. J. WELCH,
J. SAPPINGTON,
JNO. D. GAITHER.

Which was read.

Mr. THAWLEY gave notice of his intention, at some future time, to move a reconsideration of the resolution adopted on yesterday, submitted from the committee on Printing, in favor of Henry G. Wheeler, the Reporter of the Convention.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the order submitted yesterday by Mr. Tuck, and which was in the words following:

Ordered, That the chairmen of the several