

be so arranged as not to weary the members, but to leave time for recreation. He desired to devote the evening to the society of the ladies.

Mr. DASHIELL said:

That one of the most eminent jurists that ever lived, Lord Coke had divided the twenty-four hours, into five parts. Six hours, he thought, should be devoted to study; two hours to reading; four hours to prayer; six hours to sleep, and the residue to the muses.

He supposed that after sitting here until three or four o'clock, gentlemen would not be in a very good condition to meet again in the evening. The mind was apt to be a little sluggish after dinner, and the Convention would not be likely to make much progress in the formation of a Constitution. He moved therefore, that the whole subject be laid upon the table.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER submitted to the Chair whether it was in order to move to lay the whole subject on the table, after that motion had just been decided.

The PRESIDENT. The order has been changed since that motion was made. The motion to lay on the table is in order.

Mr. SAPPINGTON asked the yeas and nays on the motion.

Which were ordered.

Mr. BUCHANAN. I shall vote in the negative, although I do not believe that these evening sessions will answer.

The question, "shall the whole subject be laid upon the table," was taken, and the result was as follows:

Affirmative — Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Hopewell, Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Sollers, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson Phelps, Bowie, Sprigg, Hearn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Anderson—27.

Negative.—Messrs. Blakistone, Sellman, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, McCullough, George, McMaster, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Shower, Cockey and Brown—32.

So the Convention decided that the whole subject should not be laid upon the table.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. BOWIE, striking out "two" o'clock, and inserting "three."

The question was taken, and the amendment was rejected.

Mr. DASHIELL moved to strike out "two," and insert "four" o'clock.

The question was taken and the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order as amended.

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city. I ask the yeas and nays on its adoption. And I do so in order to see how many gentlemen who vote for the order, will carry it out.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

And the question on the adoption of the order was then taken, and the result was as follows:

Affirmative.—Messrs. Blakistone, Sellman, Sollers, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, J. U. Dennis, Phelps, McCullough, George, McMaster, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Shower, Cockey and Brown—36.

Negative.—Messrs. Chapman Pres't, Morgan, Hopewell, Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Bowie, Sprigg, Hearn, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Anderson—23.

So the order was adopted.

THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The PRESIDENT announced the unfinished business of yesterday, being the report heretofore submitted by Mr. JOHNSON, as chairman of the committee on the Legislative Department of the government.

Mr. BOWIE said the committee was very thin, and he hoped, therefore, that gentlemen would consent to take up some other business than the special order.

The PRESIDENT said, that there was an amendment pending to the report, offered by the gentleman from Prince George's, (Mr. Sprigg.)

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the unfinished order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. JOHNSON, chairman of the committee on the Legislative Department.

The question pending, being on the amendment offered by Mr. WEEMS, to an amendment offered by Mr. SPRIGG, on the 24th of February, to be inserted as the nineteenth section of the report.

The amendment of Mr. WEEMS, being to insert after the words "all the members," the word "elected."

The question was then stated to be on the amendment of Mr. WEEMS.

Mr. SPRIGG expressed his willingness to accept the amendment of Mr. WEEMS, as a modification of his own.

The PRESIDENT suggested that unanimous consent would be required.

Objection was made.

The question was then stated to be on the amendment of Mr. WEEMS.

Mr. CHAMBERS of Kent, rose to enquire of the chair, whether the gentleman from Prince George's, [Mr. Sprigg.] had not the privilege to accept the amendment as a modification of his own proposition?

The PRESIDENT said, that, ordinarily, the gentleman would have the privilege to accept the modification.

Some conversation followed on the point of order, when

No objection having been made,

Mr. SPRIGG accepted the amendment of Mr.