

report. It was thought due to the Convention that this communication should be made, in order that the gentlemen who moved several orders of reference may take such action as they may deem necessary.

Some of the most important of the matters referred to the committee have already been acted upon by the Convention. For example—the limitation on the power of the legislature to create debt. That matter has already been provided for in the report of the committee on the legislative department. So with the order in regard to the regulation of tolls upon rail roads and canals. The committee thought that that subject had been already provided for in the report of the committee on public works.

Under these circumstances, supposing that the report of the committee on the legislative department will again be brought up before the Convention, by the committee of revision; supposing that the various orders still remaining to be acted upon, relate exclusively to the legislative power, and believing that the appropriate time to take action on those orders will be when that report shall again come up—a majority of the committee have authorized and instructed me to make this communication, in order that the Convention and the gentlemen who have moved the orders, may be duly apprised of the result to which a majority of the committee had come, and act accordingly.

The notice was entered on the journal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the following amendment offered by Mr. HOWARD on the 30th ult. to the 22d rule;

“But no motion shall be in order to reconsider an article or section which has gone to the Revisory committee.”

Mr. HOWARD. I wish to say that that rule is intended to apply to the ordinary business of the Convention, and I do not wish to call it up in the critical position of affairs in which we find ourselves now. I, therefore, move to postpone the further consideration of the amendment.

The question being taken, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. RANDALL, from the committee of Revision, submitted a report in relation to attorneys for the State in each county and the city of Baltimore;

Which, on his motion, was ordered to be printed in bill form.

Mr. McHENRY, from the committee respecting the appointment, tenure of office, duties and compensation of civil officers not embraced in the duties of other standing committees, submitted the following amendments which he desired should be entered upon the record:

Sec. 5 A Superintendent of State Prisons, with an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, shall be elected at the general election which will be held next after the adoption of this Constitution, and at every general State election thereafter last preceding the expiration of the term for which the incumbent had been elected

or appointed. The Superintendent of the State Prison shall hold his office for the term of four years from the first day of January succeeding his election, and until his successor shall have entered upon the discharge of his duties. He shall have the charge and superintendence of the State Prisons, and appoint all the subordinate officers therein. Any vacancy occurring in the office of such Superintendent shall be filled by the Governor till the next ensuing first day of January.

Sec. 6. The General Assembly shall provide for such clerks and other ministerial agents as they may deem requisite to enable the different Constitutional officers properly to discharge their respective functions, but shall have no power to establish any civil offices of a general character, except by act, which shall not go into operation until sanctioned by a majority of the electors at a general State election, and re-enacted at the succeeding session of the Legislature.

Sec. 7. All existing State officers, not expressly continued by other provisions of this Constitution, shall hold their offices until the expiration of their present commissions, or until the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty-three, which ever shall first occur. And every civil office of a general character, which is not specially provided for in this Constitution, shall be abolished from and after the last mentioned date.

Ordered to be entered upon the record.

Mr. WELLS, chairman of the committee on Accounts, submitted the following report:

The Committee of Accounts respectfully report for the consideration of the Convention, the annexed resolution for the payment of \$2,226 99; the amount of various claims for stationery, newspapers, &c., which were referred to the committee per order of the board of the 21st ult., which claims with the vouchers are herewith filed.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WELLS,
W. WILLIAMS,
EDWD. LLOYD,
ALEX. NEILL, JR.,
ELIAS WARE, JR.,

Committee of Accounts.

Resolved, That the accompanying accounts from No. 1 to No. 19 inclusive, be paid by the orders of the President of the Convention, on the Treasurer of the State, in favor of the persons entitled to receive the same.

Which was read and adopted.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONVENTION.

Mr. W. C. JOHNSON moved to postpone the final adjournment of the Convention until Monday week, the 12th inst.;

Mr. JOHNSON observed that he thought that it must be manifest to the whole body, that they would not be able to get through their business by the following Monday. There were yet several reports to be considered from standing committees, and among them a report respecting the