

Mr. RICAUD suggested that, perhaps, it would be better to postpone the matter until the committee met again.

Mr. SPENCER thought it would be of no use, as there would not, in his opinion, be any change in the minds of the committee.

Mr. BLAKISTONE could not understand why members of the legislature should have copies. They had no claim to them. It was far more important that they should be distributed among the members of the Convention who could use them to advantage among their constituents. If members of the legislature should be in want of information in respect to the proceedings of this body, they would find copies of the debates in the State Library. Therefore, he had made the motion to strike out "one" and insert "two."

Mr. WEBER could not conceive what a member of the Convention could want with two copies. He certainly could not very well read two copies at the same time. The bound copies would not be ready for distribution until three months after the adoption or rejection of the Constitution, and he thought that members of the legislature ought to have some, because, in the event of the adoption of the Constitution, certain duties would devolve upon them, and they would necessarily have to refer to the proceedings and debates of this Convention.

Mr. STEPHENSON demanded the yeas and nays;

Which being ordered and taken,

Resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Morgan, Blakistone, Hope-well, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Dalrymple, Bond, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Sherwood, of Talbot, J. Dennis, J. U. Dennis, Dashiell, Hodson, Phelps, Constable, Chambers of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, Bowie, Tuck, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Magraw, Thawley, Gwinn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Waters, Anderson, Hollyday, and Smith—41.

*Negative*—Messrs. Ricaud, Pre'st., *pro. tem.*, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Colston, Williams, Bowling, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Hearn, Gaither, Stephenson, Nelson, Carter, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, Cockey, and Brown—29.

So the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. RICAUD,

The order was amended by striking out the word "and," after the word "members," and inserting the words,

"Of the Convention, one copy to the Chaplains, and."

On motion of Mr. WELLS,

The order was further amended by inserting after the word "judiciary," the words "one copy to the treasurer."

On motion of Mr. TUCK,

The order was further amended by inserting after the word "Convention," in second line, these words, "and of the journal of Proceedings."

On motion of Mr. PARKE,

The order was further amended by inserting after the word "Appeals," these words,

"One copy to the officers of the circuit court, clerk, register of wills, and county commissioners of each county."

The order was then adopted as amended.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day being the report submitted by Mr. BOWIE chairman of the committee on the judiciary.

The question pending on yesterday being on the amendment offered by Mr. GEORGE as the 22nd section of the report.

Mr. SPENCER moved the Convention reconsider their vote on the twenty-first section of the report.

And the question having been taken, it was Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. SPENCER then moved to strike out the first branch of the amendment offered by Mr. STEPHENSON, on yesterday, and adopted by the Convention, and to be found on page 716, of Journal, and to substitute in lieu of the amendment the following:

"The Legislature at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall fix the number of justices of the peace and constables for each of the wards of the city of Baltimore, and for each of the election districts of the several counties of this State, who shall be elected by the voters thereof respectively."

Mr. BLAKISTONE said, he would vote against the proposition of the gentleman from Queen Anne's, (Mr. Spencer,) because he thought the amendment of the gentleman from Harford, (Mr. Stephenson,) was quite as perfect as human intelligence could make it. There might be a doubt about the operation and effect of the first, whilst there could be none respecting the latter. There was, however, no provision made in reference to filling a vacancy. Supply that defect, and he believed the proposition of the gentleman from Harford would be as perfect as it could be made.

The question being taken on the adoption of the amendment, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. BOWIE.

The amendment offered by Mr. STEPHENSON, on yesterday, to the twenty-first section, and adopted by the Convention, and to be found on pages 718 and 719 of Journal, was amended by inserting after the word "occur," these words "or the city council of Baltimore, as the case may be."

The twenty-first section was then adopted as amended.

The question then recurred on the amendment as offered by Mr. GEORGE, on yesterday, for twenty-second section.

Mr. GEORGE, with the consent of the Convention, withdrew the amendment.

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city, moved to reconsider the vote of the Convention adopting the twenty-first section.