

Affirmative—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Weems, Dalrymple, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, John Dennis, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Constable, McCullough, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Brent of Baltimore city, Kilgour, Waters and Anderson—37.

Negative—Messrs. Lee, Sellman, Bell, Lloyd, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Smith, Parke, Cockey and Brown—23.

So the order was adopted.

Mr. Bowie submitted the following order:

Ordered, That William Hall, the Post Master of this House, Joseph Morritz, Committee Clerk, and Washington B. Chichester, Assistant Secretary, receive an extra compensation of one dollar each per day, from the day of their appointment, for extra services performed by them.

Mr. THAWLEY offered as a substitute for said order the following:

In order to relieve the Convention from further trouble in voting extra compensation to its officers. *Ordered*—

That the surplus revenue remaining in the treasury, after paying the orders first past, be equally divided among the members, clerks, doorkeepers, pages, folders, and sergeant-at-arms, share and share alike, including those clerks heretofore discharged.

The PRESIDENT ruled the substitute out of order.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the order.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER moved to amend the order, by inserting the name of "S. T. Herbert, the doorkeeper," upon which motion he asked the yeas and nays, which were not ordered.

The question was then taken on the adoption of the amendment,

And it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. CHANDLER offered as a substitute for said order, the following:

Ordered, That Washington B. Chichester, receive one dollar per diem extra pay as reading clerk of this Convention.

Mr. McMASTER moved to amend the order offered by Mr. BOWIE, by inserting the name of "Samuel K. Lambdin."

Mr. BOWIE moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the main question ordered, viz:—on the adoption of the amendment of Mr. McMASTER.

Mr. McMASTER moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays.

Mr. WEEMS moved to lay the whole subject on the table, and on this motion demanded the yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Lee, Mitchell, Dorsey,

Sellman, Weems, Dalrymple, Howard, Bell, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Hicks, Goldsborough, Phelps, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Spencer, Wright, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Ware, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Cockey and Brown—38.

Negative—Messrs. Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Jenifer, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, John Dennis, Hodson, Eccleston, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, George, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Kilgour, and Waters—23.

So the whole subject was laid on the table.

The President laid before the Convention the following communication from Henry G. Wheeler, official reporter:

ANNAPOLIS, May 12, 1851.

To the Convention—

The convention has, this day, passed an order directing a per diem of \$4, to be paid to me during such time as I may be detained here after the final adjournment, but with a limitation, that the said order shall not operate after the 1st of June.

The work cannot be finished by that time. Those who know my position and circumstances understand that I have every motive to return home without an hour's unnecessary delay, and no motive, pecuniary or otherwise, to protract my sojourn in this city. From a desire not to renew the controversy which had arisen upon the subject of my compensation, I consented, in reply to an enquiry from the committee on printing, to abandon my weekly allowance during the period of my detention.

But, I know of no principle upon which I am to be compelled to remain here in the service of the State, without, at least, the payment of my expenses. And I respectfully ask the Convention to reconsider its decision of this morning.

HENRY G. WHEELER, Official Reporter.

Mr. HOWARD moved to refer the communication on printing.

Mr. SPENCER suggested that instead of referring this letter, the order of this morning would be taken up. It was utterly impossible for the committee to close its labors by the first of June. The reporter could not complete his contract by the first of June. By the contract he was entitled to \$100 per week until the printing was completed. He had no control over the printers, and they could not finish by that time. He was not only held back by the printers, but by the convention itself, for the printers had sometimes been delayed by the neglect of members to return the reports in season. He would move to reconsider the order of this morning in order to take off this restriction of time, and leave the committee to its own discretion.

Mr. BOWIE proceeded to explain the necessity of this change. There were but eighteen days to the first of June, while the printers, without any fault of the reporter, were a month behindhand. Twenty per cent. had been retained to insure the