

tone, Dent, Mitchell; Weems, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Buchanan, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Eccleston, Sprigg, George, Wright, Stewart, of Caroline, Brent, of Baltimore city, and Weber—17.

So the previous question was seconded.

The question was then put,

Will the Convention reconsider their vote on the resolution in relation to printing debates?—

And it was

Decided in the negative.

Mr. SPENCER made some remarks which will be published hereafter.

Mr. THOMAS said that these questions annoyed some of them, who, on this account, made an earnest appeal that if this subject had been referred to a committee, would it not be advisable to let that committee explain what was wanted and required? With the utmost sincerity to keep pace with the questions, he did not know what were half the questions submitted to them. If the committee should say that they desired an extension of the time, he would be willing to give it to them.

Mr. SPENCER replied that the committee in whose behalf he had spoken, asked this extension.

Mr. THOMAS thought that if the chairman of the committee would come in and explain the subject, he could vote understandingly upon it.

Mr. SPENCER said that he had spoken in behalf of the chairman of the committee. If the chairman had more authority for the gentleman than himself when he spoke for the committee, he (Mr. T.) could seek the chairman.

Mr. BUCHANAN said that he understood, when he made the motion to reconsider, that the original proposition come from the committee—a committee which was entitled to high consideration, and for every member of which he personally entertained a very proper respect. He had only to say that it was most remarkable that gentlemen who sometimes had undertaken to speak and manage for many of the committees, without being members, should make objection now, that nobody was so well entitled to a respectful hearing by the Convention as a member of a committee.

It made no difference to him whether a proposition came from the chairman of a committee—a member of the committee, or a member of the Convention at large. His habit was to give to the proposition itself, a proper and deliberate consideration, and if it met his approval, he sustained it—if not, he opposed it.

He was not a member of the committee, but his friend from Queen Anne's, (Mr. Spencer,) from whom this proposition comes, is a member of the committee; so that if there is any thing in the suggestion, that a proposition comes with more weight from a member of a committee—this is entitled to it. Committees are presumed to have information on the subjects referred to them, it is admitted; but it is not admitted that they necessarily have all the information. Other members sometimes are quite as well informed as members of the committees. He claimed to

have taken some pains to acquire the necessary information to enable him to act on this subject and he was satisfied that the proposition of his friend from Queen Anne's was right, and ought to be adopted, but he feared it would not be.

He was satisfied that unless the reporter could be prevailed on to superintend the printing, all would be confusion and chaos by the first of June, so far as printing the debates were concerned.

The reporter, who has been most faithful in the performance of his duty, and is even with his work up to this hour, is not by any means anxious to remain; but it is important to the regularity of business, and to the interests of the people that he should remain, rather than leave imperfect a work which he has heretofore so faithfully superintended.

I consider the proposition of the gentleman from Queen Anne's right, and shall vote for it.

Mr. THOMAS was not aware that the gentleman who had spoken, had taken any part in the proceedings. He had said to the gentleman from Queen Anne's that they were most anxious that this subject should be finally disposed of, and the best mode would be, first to have from the chairman of the committee some definite and distinct proposition, and then they could finally act on the subject by acquiescing in it.

Mr. BUCHANAN replied that he had made the motion, and considered he had a right to make it, and stood by it now.

Mr. TUCK, from the committee on Revision, reported to the Convention certain amendments to the report of the committee on Lotteries, and

Also, on the Militia;

Also, on the Land Office;

Also, on the Librarian;

Also, on County Commissioners,

Which were severally read and disposed of.

Mr. CHAMBERS of Kent, from the committee on Revision, made a report on that part of the report of the Legislative Department relating to banks.

Which was read and disposed of.

Also, made a report on the article in relation to authorising private property to be taken for public use.

And the article that corporations may be formed under general laws, but shall not be created by special act, except for municipal regulations.

Which were read and disposed of.

Mr. DONALDSON, from the committee on Revision, made a report on future amendments and revisions of the Constitution.

Read and disposed of.

The doorkeeper having returned and reported that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the Convention was required,

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order submitted by Mr. McCUBBIN, in relation to compensation to be allowed certain officers of the Convention.

Mr. BUCHANAN stated to the Convention that he was desired by Mr. Chichester, the Assistant