

Secretary, to withdraw his name as being included in said order.

Mr. STEPHENSON moved to lay the order on the table.

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

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows :

Affirmative—Messrs. Lee, Sellman, Howard, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Dashiell, McCullough, McLane, Spencer, Wright, Fooks, Jacobs, Shriver, Gaither, Stephenson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Schley, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—32.

Negative—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Mitchell, Weems, Jenifer, Buchanan, Chandler, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Constable, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Annan, Brent, of Baltimore city, and Pressman—27.

So the order was laid on the table.

Mr. DONALDSON, from the committee on Revision, made a report upon miscellaneous subjects. Which was read and adopted.

Mr. PARKE submitted the following order:

Ordered, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the various committee Clerks reading Clerk, Doorkeepers and Sergeant at-Arms of this Convention, for the faithful discharge of their duties, and that this shall be taken as a full compensation for and in lieu of the extra pay heretofore allowed any of them by this Convention, all orders for which extra allowance are therefore hereby annulled.

Chair ruled the proposition out of order.

On motion of Mr. RICAUD,

The Convention took up for consideration the order submitted by Mr. GRASON on the 10th inst allowing the President of the Convention a per diem of six dollars.

Mr. SHRIVER moved to strike out "six" and insert "five." He could not vote for it, at the former compensation but with the latter he should be glad to do so.

Mr. JENIFER said:

That every deliberative body gave additional compensation to the President. The Virginia Convention at this time were paying ten dollars per day. And in addition to this, the presiding officer of this body had discharged duties never before devolved upon that officer. He was made the fiscal officer, responsible for the correctness of the accounts, and the Seargeant-at-Arms, to arrest a member, if necessary. He would ask if something was not due to the dignity of the body. He only regretted that the amount had not been made double what it was.

Mr. SCHLEY said:

That as a mere matter of liberality he should have no objection; but that the law under which the Convention had assembled, precluded them from giving any member of the body more than \$4 per diem. If the compensation of the Presi-

dent could be increased, so could the compensation of the chairman of the several committees, and of all the gentlemen who had occupied the chair, *pro tempore*. He would recommend to gentlemen to turn to the journal and see that they gave a vote now consistent with that which they had given early in the session.

Mr. MORGAN considered the president as much an officer of the body, as the President of a Bank was an officer of the Bank. He was a stockholder in the bank, but being elected President made him an officer of the bank. So with the President. He considered it no more than just to give an increased compensation. He had been compelled to remain here when others could have been absent; and he had been charged with laborious duties and great responsibility. He hoped that the compensation would be given as reported.

Mr. BISER said:

That in penning the act of assembly, he had intended that the President should receive extra compensation as an officer of the body. In regard to consistency, it was rather late in the day to insist upon that. He supposed that hardly a single member would be found consistent from the commencement of the session until its close upon a single proposition. By examining the journal they would find that they had been upon all sides of every question.

Mr. BRENT said, that he had been consistent.

Mr. BISER observed, that the gentleman was an exception, and it only helped to prove the rule. But in this particular case he had himself voted for \$5; and he would vote for it now; and he should insist upon it, even then, that he was the poorest paid gentleman connected with the Convention.

Mr. RIDGELY said:

That it was too late in the day to raise the question of the power of this Convention under an act of assembly. Every conceivable power had already been exercised by the Convention. They had regarded it as omnipotent. They were in a state of revolution.

The only question was now whether the compensation was just and proper. He should vote for it; and he had no doubt that the President was the poorest paid officer of the body. He would move the previous question.

The demand for the previous question was seconded.

Mr. HARBINE moved to lay the order on the table.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER moved the question be taken by yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Gaither, Annan, Nelson, Schley, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Cockey and Brown—10.

Negative—Messrs. Morgan, Blakistone, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Weems, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston,