

portunity of saying for myself, that I am for the utter unmixing of too long mixed races.

Mr. HOFFMAN. I understand there are three denominations of Christians here; and I hope we shall take one of each; taking Mr. Owen as a Methodist.

The question was stated upon the amendment offered by Mr. Earle to the substitute offered by Mr. Stirling.

Mr. HEBB. I am not exactly prepared to vote upon either of these propositions. I therefore move that the further consideration of this subject be postponed until Wednesday next, and that the President request some clergyman in the meantime to officiate at each morning session.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEES.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE offered the following order:

Ordered, That Standing Committees to consist of five members each to be appointed by the Chair, as follows, viz:

1st. A Committee on Accounts.

2d. A Committee on Reporting and Printing.

3d. A Committee on Engrossment and Revision.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE said: I offer this as a distinct order from the former one, for the reason that that order included only those Committees which it was designed should report matters to form essential parts of the Constitution. These are merely the means or the machinery of the Convention in supervising and expediting its work.

The order was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Secretary elect and other officers, having taken the prescribed oath, entered upon the duties of their offices.

On motion of Mr. KENNARD,

Ordered, That five additional copies of the daily journal be printed for the use of the Convention, and that an equal number be distributed to the members.

On motion of Mr. CUSHING,

Ordered, That when this Convention adjourns, it shall be to meet on Tuesday next at noon.

On motion of Mr. DANIEL,

Ordered, That the President of this Convention be authorized to have re-arranged the seats on this floor, so as the better to suit the convenience of members and promote the despatch of business.

On motion of Mr. ECKER,

Ordered, That the hour of daily meeting of this Convention be 12 o'clock M. until further ordered.

Mr. SCOTT offered the following order:

Ordered, That the Librarian be required to furnish the members and clerks of this Convention with gold pens.

The order was rejected.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

Mr. JONES of Somerset. I beg to inquire whether there is a Committee on the Election and Qualification of the members of this body provided for. If not, I apprehend that it is an omission that ought to be provided for.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. That was not embraced in the order which I offered, as I was under the impression that the Governor's return to us of the persons duly elected and who had taken the oath was sufficient. If any gentleman thinks otherwise, it is perfectly competent to offer another order to cover the omission. I, of course, have no further control over that order, since it has been adopted by the Convention.

Mr. BELT. I do not suppose any parliamentary body ever assembled without providing for a Committee on Elections. Suppose a contest should arise with regard to any person claiming to be a member, we should need a committee to refer the papers to.

Mr. JONES of Somerset submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the President of the Convention appoint a Committee on Elections to consist of — members, to report upon the election and qualification of members of this Convention.

On motion of Mr. SANDS,

The blank was filled with "seven."

The order was then adopted.

DOCUMENTS FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. BAKER submitted the following order:

Ordered, That three copies of the Convention law be furnished to each member on Tuesday morning next.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. I should like an explanation of the meaning of that order. I do not comprehend it.

Mr. BAKER. My reason for offering that order was that we may often be at a loss concerning it, and it would aid us if we had it on our desks to refer to, and would prevent unnecessary debate.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. I understand the order to be for three copies for each member.

Mr. BAKER. Only in case they should be taken away or lost. I am satisfied with one.

On motion of Mr. JONES of Somerset,

The order was amended by striking out "three copies," and inserting "one copy."

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. To be furnished by whom?

On motion of Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county,

The order was amended by adding words, "by the Librarian."

Mr. ABBOTT moved that the order be further amended by adding, "and also one copy of the Constitution and Bill of Rights."

Mr. BAKER accepted the amendment.

The order as amended was adopted.

On motion of Mr. STOCKBRIDGE,

The Convention adjourned.