

them at all, it should be as private books; and our labors and small pay well deserve that.

Mr. HERR. I am opposed to this order, for I think that any member taking sufficient interest in the welfare of the State will purchase a book of that character, himself. I purchased a copy day before yesterday for myself. It is well enough to have such books in the Library; but instead of voting them to members, we should buy them for ourselves.

Mr. NEBLEY. Although not personally interested in the result of this vote, as I have a copy of the Constitutions also, I think it altogether proper that the order should pass. This is an age of progress. The United States of America have been especially progressive in the idea of forming new constitutions. It is right that we should have all the light on this subject that exists at this particular period in the history of the world. Nor do I see why they should be returned. They would be of no earthly use in the Library; and if all the members have them they can go home and enlighten their constituents as to the manner in which they should vote when the subject of the adoption of the Constitution comes before them for their decision. I am in favor of the motion as originally made, and opposed to the amendment requiring the books to be returned.

Mr. VALLIANT. I cannot vote for this order without hearing of what advantage it will be. I have not the slightest objection to voting for the motion, if I can have some reason for doing so.

Mr. STIRLING. I have never examined the book; but I have seen it, and it contains a copy of the Constitution of every State in the United States.

Mr. DANIEL. There was such a book furnished to the members of the last Convention. The first branch of the order was agreed to. The second branch, comprising the words added to the original order, was rejected.

On motion of Mr. ECKER
The Convention adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 1864.

The Convention met at 12 o'clock, M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson.

The certificates of the qualification of Messrs. Peter, Lansdale, Edelin, and Mitchell, were presented, and the gentlemen named appeared and took their seats.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from the Executive, stating the results of the election in the 4th district of Montgomery county.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Elections.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Declaration of Rights—Messrs. Stirling, Hebb, Purnell, Todd, Belt, Chambers and Morgan.

Committee on Executive Department—Messrs. Greene, Mullikin, Smith of Worcester, Schley, Billingsley, Miller and Parran.

Committee on Basis of Representation—Messrs. Abbott, Hatch, Negley, Pugh, Berry of Prince George's, Edelin and Smith of Dorchester.

Committee on Legislative Department—Messrs. Schley, Thruston, Kennard, Berry of Baltimore county, Hollyday, Gale and Turner.

Committee on Judiciary Department—Messrs. Stockbridge, Hoffman, Sands, Earle, Chambers, Jones of Somerset, and Clarke.

Committee on State's Attorneys—Messrs. Smith of Carroll, Thomas, Mayhugh, Daniel, Briscoe, Wilmer and Harwood.

Committee on Treasury Department—Messrs. Negley, Brooks, Cushing, Markey, Dail, Dennis and Mitchell.

Committee on the Elective Franchise and Qualification of Voters—Messrs. Sands, Smith of Worcester, Ecker, Scott, Marbury, Brown and Horsey.

Committee on Militia and Military Affairs—Messrs. Berry of Baltimore county, Thruston, Barron, Pugh, Dellinger, Peter and Blackstone.

Committee on Education and the Encouragement of Literature—Messrs. Cushing, Cunningham, Jones of Cecil, Greene, Ridgely, Henkle and Hodson.

Committee on the Rights, Duties, Divisions and Subdivisions of Counties—Messrs. Hebb, Robinette, Swope, Carter, Sykes, Duvall and Dent.

Committee on such Provisions and Ordinances as may be desirable to carry into effect Amendments to the Constitution—Messrs. Ridgely, Schloesser, Hopper, Hopkins, Crawford, Stone and Lansdale.

Committee to report future Amendments and Revisions of the Constitution—Messrs. Todd, Mace, Noble, Annan, McComas, Johnson and Lee.

Committee on Accounts—Messrs. Galloway, Parker, Wooden, Baker and Russel.

Committee on Reporting and Printing—Messrs. Valliant, Audoun, Farrow, Wickard and Sneary.

Committee on Engrossment and Revision—Messrs. Earle, Nyman, King, Murray and Dail.

Committee on Elections—Messrs. Purnell, Davis, Larsh, Keefer, Dent, Bond and Brown.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

Ordered, That a sufficient number, for the use of the member of the Convention, of the list of the Standing Committees, be printed in a card form.

COMMITTEE ON INSPECTIONS.

Mr. HENKLE submitted the following order:

Ordered, That a Standing Committee of seven be appointed by the Chair, to consider