

ber who offered this order is not in his seat, and I move that it be postponed until tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion of Mr. PETER,

*It was ordered* to be entered on the Journal that Dr. Edmund P. Duvall, member elect for Montgomery county, is absent from his seat in consequence of sickness.

Mr. ECKER submitted the following order.

*Ordered*, That the committee heretofore appointed to arrange the seats be required to furnish the doorkeepers with seats;

Which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. GALLOWAY,

*Ordered*, That the person having charge of the State House be requested by the President to hoist from its dome, each day during the sitting of this Convention, the United States flag.

On motion of Mr. ADDON,

*Ordered*, That the Chaplain or Chaplains appointed by this Convention shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, take and subscribe to the same oath as that administered to the members of this Convention.

Mr. BRISCOE submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be requested to report to this Convention a statement of the aggregate amount paid by the State to special counsel employed by the Executive, since the adoption of the present Constitution.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. Would it not be better that the gentleman make his order a little broader than it now is? I am under the impression that this will not cover all the expenses of special counsel. Under special regulations, the Comptroller and other officers have employed counsel, the expense of which was paid by the State. I suppose it was the purpose to learn all the expense incurred for special counsel.

Mr. BRISCOE modified his order, by incorporating the words "or other officers of the State."

Mr. STIRLING. I am in favor of the order, but I should like to see it further amended, so as to embrace the amount paid to special judges.

Mr. BRISCOE adopted the suggestion, and modified his order so that it should read as follows:

*Ordered*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be requested to report to this Convention a statement of the aggregate amount paid by the State to special counsel employed by the Executive, or other officers of the State, since the adoption of the present Constitution, and also the amount paid to special judges.

The order was adopted.

On motion of Mr. STOCKBRIDGE,

The following order, submitted by Mr. Purnell on Thursday last, was taken up for consideration:

*Ordered*, That a committee of three be appointed to wait on the reverend clergy, resident of this city, and request them to make an arrangement among themselves by which one of their number, alternately, every day will attend this Convention and open its sessions by prayer.

To which Mr. STIRLING had submitted the following amendment:

*Ordered*, That the Rev. Mr. Davenport, and the Rev. Mr. Patterson and the Rev. Mr. Owen be appointed Chaplains to the Convention.

On motion of Mr. VALLIANT,

The consideration of the subject was postponed until Wednesday next; and the President requested to invite some clergyman to officiate each day at the opening of the Convention.

Mr. ABBOTT submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Convention take up the Bill of Rights and Constitution, commencing a careful reading of the same by the Clerk, that as the sections are read each member of the Convention be required to propose in writing such alterations or amendments as he may desire, which shall be submitted without argument or debate during the reading, all said propositions to be printed and referred to appropriate committees upon whose report ample opportunity shall be given for discussion; when the reading shall have been finished, and each member has handed in his proposition to alter or amend. All further proposition to alter or amend shall be deemed out of order.

Which was read and lies over under the rule.

The President announced the following Committee on Rules and Orders for the Government of the Convention.

Messrs. Kennard, Clarke, Valliant, Schley and Berry of Prince George's.

REMOVAL TO BALTIMORE.

Mr. TODD submitted the following order:

Whereas, The Baltimore City Council have appointed a deputation of their body to extend an invitation to this Convention to transfer its session to that city; therefore,

*Ordered*, That said deputation be, and they are hereby invited to seats in the Hall of this Convention, and to present any communication they may bear from the said City Council to this body, to-day at one o'clock.

Which was adopted.

The committee from the City Council of Baltimore, accordingly took seats upon the floor of the Convention.

The President addressed the committee as follows: Gentlemen, you have been invited here by the order of the Convention, to present any communication you may bear from