

be a member of the Legislature, with yourself, Mr. President and we assembled in this Hall. It was then just half the size that it now is; and by an act of that Legislature the dimensions of this room were increased to their present size. In 1850, eight years before, the Convention was composed, I believe, of 101 members. The Convention of 1864 is composed of 98 members; five less, and having double the room the former Convention had, and I heard no complaint then about being jammed in the corners, as the gentleman from Washington says. I think there is quite room enough here to accommodate every member of the Convention, and I presume our friends from Washington can be suited, and I hope it will be done.

I was not a little amused at an argument advanced by my friend from Howard, (Mr. Sands.) If I have his language correctly, he says that it takes him three days to make a trip of about 60 miles. My county lies adjoining Howard county; and I think the distance from Ellicott's Mills to Baltimore city is 10 or 12 miles; and I think the distance from Baltimore city to Annapolis is 20 miles. I am speaking now of turnpikes. When I was a boy I used to walk four miles an hour; and that would take him exactly ten hours if he had attempted to walk here; and I cannot see, for the soul of me, with the advantages of steam power, how it takes three days to go 60 miles.

Mr. SANDS. I will explain, if the gentleman will allow me, how it happens that it takes me three days to make a round trip; for it does take that unless my friend proposes to put me afoot and on the turnpike.

Mr. MILLER. You can take a carriage.

Mr. SANDS. I do not happen to be the owner of that sort of vehicle. That is my misfortune. I would say that if my friend from Baltimore county proposes to put me foot-back, I would not do that for him. I can explain to his entire satisfaction why, with all the advantages of steam, lightning, and everything else, it takes three days for me to make the round trip. There is no train from Ellicott's Mills connecting with the early train to Annapolis. If I want to take the train to bear me to Annapolis, I must leave my home the evening before, and go to Baltimore city and spend the night there. That is the evening and morning of the first and second day of the round trip. I come here and wish to return. There is no train connecting with the evening train from Annapolis. If I want to go home, I must go to Baltimore city and lie over there another night and take the morning of the third day to complete the round trip. So that really what the gentleman from Howard stated is the actual fact, that when he has occasion to make a round trip it takes him three days; in view of the circumstance that he is neither the President nor a Director of either of the

railroad or steamboat companies and cannot control their hours. If I am to follow the existing arrangements of steam travel, it amounts to that; and I do not think my friend would be so discourteous as to dismount me from the iron horse.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. How far is it from Ellicott's Mills to the Relay House?

Mr. SANDS. It is six or eight miles, with no public conveyance at all. I should have to foot that over a very bad road.

Mr. BERRY resumed: The difference between my friend and myself is that he is a lawyer and I am a merchant, or have been, and I thought I would take a business view of the thing, and see if he could not possibly come here under three days. I think I have demonstrated successfully that he might walk here in ten hours if he tried. It is his misfortune and not my fault that he has not a vehicle to take him to Baltimore or wherever he pleases; but I know this, that the Legislature of Maryland at its last session provided \$5 a day for members of this Convention; and it was a fair bargain between the Legislature and the parties who offered themselves for election here and were elected, to give their undivided time to the service of the State.

Mr. SANDS. I dislike exceedingly to interrupt the gentleman, but I am sure he will pardon me. I am not making this a question of expense at all, for I said in the beginning that I was perfectly willing to keep an accurate account of my expenses and hand the balance over. It is not a question of expense at all.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county resumed: I do not think the Legislature asked the gentleman to keep an accurate account of his expenses and hand over the balance; but it did ask of him, and the people of Maryland demand of him, his entire and undivided time, in perfecting, so far as it is possible to do so, the organic law of the State to be submitted to the people. Upon this matter of convenience and expense, I have heard of another case. It has not been promulgated here, but I absolutely heard a gentleman say that if he came down here it would cost him \$21 a week; that he could not come without his wife, and if he brought her he would have to pay \$21 a week. (Laughter.) Are not these things ridiculous? When they go to the people, I think they will laugh at such an idea. In the day when they come again before the people and are exceedingly anxious to be returned by the people to any office in a body like this, the people will laugh at their calamity.

There has been a good deal of play upon the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. President, you know very well that that mace in the hands of the Sergeant-at-Arms is a serious matter. You very well know that if, at a time when a vote is to be taken, it is