

any legislative power of this Convention to appropriate money.

Mr. NADLEY. Information never does any harm; and if we get it of what use is it? The object for which it is desired, I presume, is as a basis of representation. I happen to belong to the Committee on Representation. I do not think the information will do any injury; but for one I am opposed to making taxation the basis of representation. I do not see of what use the information will be.

Mr. THOMAS submitted the following amendment:

*Ordered*, That the County Commissioners of the several counties, and the Appeal Tax Court of the city of Baltimore, be requested to furnish to this Convention a list showing the number of tax-payers and the aggregate amount of taxes paid by each county and the city of Baltimore.

On motion of Mr. PARRAN, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on the Basis of Representation—yeas 32; nays 28.

#### CONGRESSIONAL WAR COMMITTEE.

The PRESIDENT. There are a number of distinguished gentlemen in the city, and if it is the pleasure of the Convention to extend any courtesies to them, this would be a proper time.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county submitted the following order:

WHEREAS, The President of the Convention has announced that Major General Lew. Wallace, commanding this Department, Hons. M. T. Odell, G. W. Julien, B. F. Wade, D. W. Gooch and B. F. Harding, members of Congress, are now in this city; therefore,

*Ordered*, That a committee be appointed to wait on the above named gentleman and invite them to visit the Convention.

Mr. STRILING. I have a little doubt whether that order means to invite those gentlemen to the privileges of the floor, or to give them a reception on the part of the House.

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county. Under the rules of the House, they cannot be invited upon the floor of the House without a suspension of the rules. If this order is passed, the President can invite them to seats on the floor of the House.

Mr. STRILING. I am opposed to anything like a public reception; for I do not think it is necessary to compliment every distinguished person who visits Annapolis, and introduce him upon the floor in a formal manner; but if it is to extend to these persons the privileges of the floor, I think it is entirely proper.

The order was agreed to.  
The PRESIDENT appointed the following committee in accordance with the above order:

Messrs. Berry, of Baltimore county, Purnell, Daniel, Hollyday, and Berry, of Prince George's.

The committee retired in the discharge of the duty assigned them; and subsequently,

Mr. BERRY of Baltimore county reported that the committee had performed that duty, and the gentlemen named has accepted the invitation and would endeavor to visit the House in the course of half an hour.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. THOMAS submitted a petition from H. P. Jordan, State Librarian, asking for an increase of salary;

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Civil Officers.

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Legislative Department enquire into the expediency of reducing the number of the members of the House of Delegates, and of having annual instead of biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Mr. CLARKE submitted the following resolutions which were read and laid over under the rule.

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient, in the organization of the House of Delegates, or the Senate, to adopt a system of representation based exclusively upon population.

*Resolved*, That the Committee to consider and report upon a basis of representation in the two Houses of the General Assembly, and a proper apportionment of representation in the same, inquire into the propriety of limiting the number of members of the House of Delegates to eighty, apportioning them among the several counties of the State, according to the population of each, allowing to Baltimore city four more delegates than are allowed to the most populous county, and providing that no county shall be entitled to less than two members.

*Resolved*, That in the organization of the Senate, each county in the State and the city of Baltimore, shall be entitled to elect one Senator: who shall serve for six years from the time of election.

On motion of Mr. ABBOTT,

*Ordered*, That the printer and folders be required to furnish the members with their five extra copies of the Journal, on each successive day.

#### ADJOURNMENT OVER.

Mr. SCOTT submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn till Tuesday next.

Mr. STRILING moved to amend by striking out "Tuesday," and inserting "Monday."

Mr. KING. I moved yesterday that the Convention adjourn over, and it was objected to. I presume the same objection still exists that if the Convention goes the committees go with them. I prefer that the Convention should sit to-morrow, and when we do adjourn give us time to go home. If we adjourn over now we can get no further than Baltimore, for it takes us a day to get to Baltimore and a day to return.

Mr. SCOTT. I see we are doing nothing, and probably will not for several days. I think Wednesday is as early as any commit-