

The roll was called, and the following members responded:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, King, Lee, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wooden—49.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. Those gentlemen who have retired from the hall, have done so, I presume, in consequence of exhaustion and indisposition. I know that was the case with two or three of them whom I heard speak upon the subject. I therefore move that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I move that the convention do now adjourn.

Mr. CUSHING asked for the yeas and nays upon this question, and they were ordered.

The question being taken by yeas and nays, upon the motion to adjourn, it resulted—yeas 28, nays 21—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Annan, Clarke, Daniel, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, King, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Russell, Sands, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd—28.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Audoun, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Markey, McComas, Murray, Negley, Pugh, Purnell, Schley, Stirling, Valliant, Wooden—21.

The convention accordingly adjourned.

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY.

TUESDAY, July 26, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNemar.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Barron, Belt, Berry, of Prince George's, Blackston, Bond, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, Lee, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Sney, Stirling, Stockbridge,

Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wilmer, Wooden—67.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

On motion of Mr. PURNELL,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal, that Mr. Smith, of Worcester county, is detained from his seat in the convention by sickness in his family.

On motion of Mr. CUNNINGHAM,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal, that the continued absence of Mr. Baker, of Frederick county, is caused by sickness.

BINDING OF DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. VALLIANT submitted the following:

Ordered, That the State librarian shall have bound one thousand copies of the journal of proceedings, and one thousand copies of the debates of this convention, at a cost not to exceed the rates per volume of binding the laws and journals of the last general assembly, and shall distribute the same as the laws and journals are now distributed, and the same amount allowed by law, to pay the expenses of distributing the laws and journals, is hereby directed to be paid for distributing the journal and debates of this convention. The remaining copies to remain in the library.

Mr. MILLER. I think there is a law now in regard to the printing, binding and distributing of these volumes of reports; it confers upon the comptroller and the treasurer the authority to make the contract.

Mr. VALLIANT. My recollection is that the comptroller is not empowered by the bill calling this convention together to make a contract for book-binding. His power extends only to contract with the printer for printing the journal of proceedings, and the debates, and such other printed matter as may be necessary. The State librarian deems it his duty, as the librarian of the State, to contract with the binder for the binding of the journal, and from the best information I can receive it is necessary that he should make the contract now, in order to enable the book-binder to go to work at once making preparations for binding these volumes. Indeed, Mr. Jordan, (librarian) has already entered into some preliminary arrangements looking to the binding of these journals. I do not know anything about the business of book-binding; but the binder is doing something by way of making preparations to bind these volumes. The sheets are being sent to the binder as rapidly as they are worked off. Mr. Jordan feels that he is acting without sufficient authority, and he would like the authority of this convention for continuance of these arrangements. I think it necessary that this order should pass.