

Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thruston, Todd, Wooden—47.

The President announced that Mr. Brown was indisposed and unable to attend.

There being no quorum present,

On motion of Mr. EDELEN,

The convention adjourned.

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, August 12, 1864.

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

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McNemar.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Harwood, Hatch, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Mace, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—67.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. SWOPE,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Mr. Smith, of Carroll, is absent from his seat on account of urgent business.

Mr. HOLLYDAY was excused from attending the sessions of the convention for a few days.

ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

The convention resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the elective franchise.

The question being on the adoption, under the call of the previous question, of section one, as amended by Mr. SCOTT, as follows:

"Section 1. A elections shall be by ballot and every white male citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, who shall have resided in the State one year next preceding the election, and six months in the city of Baltimore or in any county, shall be entitled to be registered

as a legal voter; and such registration made in accordance with such provisions as the general assembly may prescribe, together with the muster rolls of all such soldiers as may be entitled to be registered in the State, and who may be serving in the army of the United States, shall be held and taken as the only evidence of qualification to vote at any election hereafter, and the general assembly shall by law provide for taking the votes of soldiers serving in the army of the United States, in the field. And in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of congressmen, senator, delegate or other officer or officers, then to entitle a person to vote for such officer, he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person who shall not have acquired a residence in such county or city, entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed, until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 46, nays 18—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—46.

Nays—Messrs. Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Bond, Brown, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Edelen, Harwood, Hodson, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Smith, of Dorchester, Turner, Wilmer—18.

The amendment was accordingly adopted.

The third and fourth sections were read, and no amendments were offered.

OATH OF OFFICE.

The 5th section was read as follows:

Sec. 5. Every person elected or appointed to any office of trust or profit under the constitution or laws made pursuant thereto, before he shall enter upon the duties of such office shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I — do swear (or affirm as the case may be,) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the United States and to the State of Maryland.