

last two or three weeks worked alone, and worked day and night in order to keep the work of the convention up. He has been a faithful and meritorious officer, and is deserving of this manifestation of our regard. I think I can safely guarantee to the members of this body that the work will be diligently attended to, and that he will take no advantage whatever of the license thus given.

Mr. HEBB. I offer the following as a substitute for the order of the gentleman from Caroline (Mr. Todd):

*Ordered*, That the secretary be directed to forward to the several members of the convention after its adjournment, their copies of the journal of debates until it shall have been completed—and the president is requested to issue his certificate for the usual per diem so long as he shall be so employed.

The order I have offered contemplates that this duty shall be performed by the secretary; as it has always been customary for the secretary to continue over for the purpose of performing this duty. The last convention passed an order requiring the secretary of the convention to perform this duty, and our secretary has prepared a book, in which the members have written the names of those to whom they desire to have these debates sent. It is quite a laborious duty, and one which I think properly belongs to the secretary of the convention.

Mr. TODD. I should like to hear the gentleman give some reason why this should be the business of one officer, instead of another, especially since that other has been employed as folder for this convention. It seems to me that this is his legitimate business.

Mr. KING. How has this been done heretofore? I am not much acquainted with this business, but I have understood that heretofore it has been considered as part of the duty of the secretary.

Mr. THOMAS. I will state to the gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. King) that by reference to the journal of debates, and the journal of proceedings of the last convention, it will appear that the secretary of that convention was authorized to do the very work which the gentleman from Caroline (Mr. Todd) now desires to have the folder do.

Mr. KING. It is a part of the duties of the secretary.

Mr. THOMAS. Not a part of his regular duty, but a duty especially assigned to him after the adjournment of the convention. Of course the convention would not expect the secretary and folder to remain here at their own expense after the adjournment of the convention, and forward these debates. Somebody must stay here, and whoever stays must be paid.

Mr. KING. I thought it was part of the duties of the secretary to remain here and wind up the business of the convention, and that this devolved upon him.

Mr. THOMAS. Yes, sir.

Mr. TODD. I do not know what the precedents are in this case; but admitting that they are as the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Thomas) has stated, I do not see that we are under any obligation to follow any precedent set ten, fifteen, or twenty years ago, by any other convention. We are to act for ourselves, as we may think best.

Mr. DENT. It appears to me that there will be a great deal of labor to be performed, after this convention shall have adjourned, in the way of folding and forwarding the debates and documents necessary to be forwarded to members; and that it will keep one person pretty well employed. The secretary will have other duties to perform, and it seems to me quite proper that one person should be assigned to this especial duty, as proposed by the gentleman from Caroline (Mr. Todd).

Mr. HEBB. It could be added to the order that one of the folders should be employed. It would be considerable work for a folder to fold one thousand sheets of these debates every day, and forward them.

Mr. MILLER. How will the secretary do it?

Mr. HEBB. He can fold them himself, or hire somebody to do it; or a folder can be appointed in addition to the secretary.

Mr. SANDS. I am very much opposed to ousting one man from an office to which he has been appointed, and taking another man from another office to which he has been appointed, and putting him in his place. We made this man our folder; that is, we said he should fold the journal of proceedings, and the journal of debates of this convention. Now, before his task is done, on account of the printer being behind with his work, we propose to take him from the post in which we have placed him. If the secretary has duties here, let him remain and be paid for his work. But I shall oppose the ousting another man from his place. If there has been any such precedent, then I think it is a very bad precedent, and ought not to be followed.

Mr. VALLIANT. I do not wish to debate this order, but my conscience will not allow me to withhold from the convention some information I have. The printer of the debates has offered to furnish the paper and mullage, and fold the debates for three dollars a signature, or one thousand sheets.

Mr. SANDS. I move to amend the substitute by inserting after the word "secretary" the words "and Collins Tatman, folder."

Mr. HEBB. I will accept that amendment.

Mr. TODD. With that understanding I will accept the substitute in place of the order which I offered.

Mr. PUGH. Then I will call for a division of the question, which will amount to the same thing.

The question was upon the order of Mr. HEBB, as modified.

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington. I think there