

the call for the previous question, the result was—yeas 40, nays 16—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Brooks, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, McComas, Mullikin, Nyman, Parker, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—40.

Nays—Messrs. Belt, Briscoe, Clarke, Crawford, Dent, Duvall, Horsey, Lansdale, Marbury, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Parran, Ridgely, Stockbridge, Thomas—16.

When their names were called,

Mr. CLARKE said: I regard the pending section as the most important proposition which has been before the convention from its first organization until the present time; and I do hope that this convention upon the mere consideration of this section this evening, without giving opportunity to gentlemen to define their views upon it, will not press it to a decisive vote to-night by the call of the previous question. It is a question which affects not merely the political rights of parties, but lays the foundation of the fundamental principles of government and the fundamental principles of the social compact. I shall vote against the previous question; and if it is sustained I shall regard it as an indication of an intention on the part of this house which violates in my humble judgment, without even giving a chance for discussion and placing them properly before the people, their rights under the constitution of the State. I vote "no."

Mr. NEGLEY said: Having myself had an opportunity to speak upon this question, common decency and justice require that I should not vote to prohibit any other member from exercising a like privilege. I vote "no."

Mr. SANDS said: I do not agree with the gentleman from Washington (Mr. Negley,) that because I have spoken I cannot join the majority of the house in sustaining the previous question. It has been argued on both sides about equally; and I therefore vote "aye."

The call for the previous question was accordingly sustained.

The question being first upon the amendment submitted by Mr. BRISCOE to the section,

Mr. BRISCOE demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 12, nays 48—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Belt, Briscoe, Clarke, Crawford, Dent, Duvall, Horsey, Lansdale, Marbury, Miller, Morgan, Parran—12.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Brooks, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle,

Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—48.

When his name was called,

Mr. ABBOTT said: This question having already been decided by the people once, I do not feel disposed to insult them with it again; and I therefore vote "no."

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

Mr. DANIEL moved that the convention adjourn.

The motion was rejected.

Mr. DUVALL demanded the yeas and nays upon the section, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 47, nays 12—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Brooks, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—47.

Nays—Messrs. Belt, Briscoe, Clarke, Crawford, Dent, Duvall, Horsey, Lansdale, Marbury, Miller, Morgan, Parran—12.

When his name was called,

Mr. DUVALL said: Believing as I do that the requirements of this section are without authority, dangerous and wrong, violating every principle of right and justice, and a blow aimed at the liberties of the people, I vote "no."

The section was accordingly adopted.

On motion of Mr. PURNELL,

The convention adjourned.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH DAY.

THURSDAY, September 1, 1864.

The convention met at 9½ 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, Baker, Barron, Belt, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell,