

judges of election can keep the polls open after five o'clock.

The question being taken, the amendment was adopted.

The section as amended was then adopted.

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles. I move to reconsider the first section of this report, in relation to general provisions. By that section all officers are required to pay into the treasury of the State all excess of fees over \$3,000. Now, it seems to me they should be allowed something for collecting those fees, keeping the books, etc. An officer whose fees amount to exactly \$3,000, would be paid for all the work done in his office, while another officer, whose fees amount to \$5,000, is required to pay over the excess, of \$2,000, and is allowed nothing by this section for keeping the books, etc. I wish to allow him some compensation for his extra work.

The President. The chair is of opinion that that question was acted upon the other day.

The motion to reconsider was not insisted upon.

The report of the committee on the schedule, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

On motion of Mr. GALLOWAY,

The convention then adjourned.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY.

FRIDAY, September 2, 1864.

The convention met at 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Patterson.

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

Messrs. Goldborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Belt, Billingsley, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dall, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Henkle, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Barran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—76.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. WOODR,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Mr. Smith, of Carroll, is detained from his seat in consequence of urgent business engagements.

FORWARDING DEBATES AFTER ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. TODD,

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the following order submitted by Mr. Hebb, on Wednesday last:

"Ordered, That the secretary and Collins Tatman, folder, 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 they shall be so employed."

The pending question was upon the motion of Mr. DAVIS, of Washington, to strike out the words "the secretary and."

Mr. GREENE. I move the following as a substitute for the whole proposition:

"Ordered, That the secretary be directed to provide for the folding and addressing and mailing of that portion of the journal of the debates of this convention, which shall not have been delivered to the members at its adjournment *sine die*; and, as in full compensation for such service, the president is hereby requested to issue his certificates to the said secretary, at the rate of six dollars for each thousand copies of said journal thus folded, addressed and mailed."

Mr. TODD. This convention appointed Mr. Tatman to the office of folder.

Mr. Hebb. They appointed two folders.

Mr. TODD. And I suppose when that appointment was made, it was not the intention of the convention to oust that gentleman from his office until he had finished his labors. I do not know of any act of his, in his official relation to this body, that is deserving of any such treatment at our hands. I have not been advised that he has in any instance failed in the performance of his duty. I have on the contrary understood that he has been exceedingly diligent and faithful in the performance of his duties, and been accommodating, and polite, and gentlemanly to all who have been associated with him. He has remained here when this convention adjourned, and has prosecuted his work, and kept that work up, and that, too, when he has been under the necessity of prosecuting that work alone, without the aid of the gentleman whom this convention appointed to assist him. That gentleman has been called away by providential circumstances, and the whole work for the last three weeks has devolved upon Mr. Tatman.

It seems to me that if this convention adopt the substitute offered by the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Greene,) it will be, to say the least of it, offering an insult to a gentleman whom they have deliberately appointed to do this work. It will be very undeserved treatment, treatment that has not been merited by him. And I think this convention will compromise its dignity by thus offending