

## FINAL READING OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. ABBOTT. I move that the final reading of the constitution be made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. CUSHING. I would suggest 10 o'clock to commence the reading. It will take some time.

Mr. ABBOTT. I accept the amendment. The motion as modified was then agreed to.

## DESCRIPTIVE AND HUMOROUS.

Mr. SCOTT. Our session is about to close. As we are in a pretty good humor at present, I have a little bit of pleasantry which I wish to perpetrate, at my own expense, and the expense of some others. I will say in advance, that as we will probably never all see each other's faces again, it will be a pleasant recollection to me all my life, to have met with the gentlemen who compose this body, and to have spent our time here so agreeably, and as I believe to our mutual satisfaction.

The Sands of this body are finally run out—not played out. [Laughter.] Our cherished Chambers will shortly know us no more as a Convention; and the pleasant Hollyday which we have enjoyed will soon be passed away. Though a democratic body, this Convention presents the anomaly of having in its midst a Lord, a Noble, a Barron and an Abbott, an Earle, and a King, with a Mace. In addition to gentlemen of learned professions, we have a Turner and a Carter, a Miller and a Baker, and a number of Smiths. Where there are streams there should be bridges; hence Baltimore city sends Stockbridge, with her Brooks; her Stirling men repose confidently on her Cushing; [laughter] her Hatch never breeds mischief; her Daniel is no false prophet, and her Thomas is neither doubting nor doubtful. St. Mary's county put her Dent in the Convention, but did not dinge the Constitution; Talbot glories in having sent her most Valiant man; Prince George's rejoices in her Clarke (clerk;) who sounds the key note of her choir; while, with her elegant Bell, she adorns this body. Queen Anne's, from windward to Lee is done Brown; Frederick, through her Schley-man, has made her Markey in the Constitution, and her Cunning-ham will appear anon (Annan.) Worcester is no Farrow kine when she can raise such men as she sends to this House. The Hopper of Harford is well filled. [Laughter.] Allegany not being afflicted with Hebb-itude, Thrust-on the Convention one wicked (Wickard) man; her delegation, though fully ripe, contains one eminent Greene. Of the Washington county delegates I have only to say that the nigh man (Nyman) is worthy of his associates; and I hope they all Mayhugh their way to fortune and to fame. I have no fears that Anne Arundel will repudiate the work of the Convention, since she gives us her duly executed Bond. Baltimore county and Prince

George's county of their first fruits gave us their choice Berries. Somerset, though a quiet county, blew up a heavy Gale; [laughter] while Dorchester permits us to look upon her chosen Dail (dale.) Caroline's best Todd-y sparkles in our debates. Carroll, having furnished one of the Smiths whose sturdy blows helped to forge the Constitution, thought she might be allowed to fill out her delegation with a Wooden-man. [Laughter.] Cecil is never in the wrong Pugh (pew,) and I hope from imputations of offensive personalities to escape Scott free. I will conclude with the remark that the Secretary is a live Cole, to which his assistant may properly say pshaw! (Shaw.) Mr. President, I am a modest man, and shrink from notoriety; and I am admonished by the presence of the ever-ready little Mac of the American, that

"A chiel's amang ye takin' notes,  
And faith he'll print 'em."

On motion of Mr. THOMAS,  
The Convention adjourned.

## NINETIETH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 6, 1864.

The convention met at 9½ o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Belt, Berry, of Prince George's, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Ecker, Farrow, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Henkle, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valiant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—78.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

## OFFENCES UNDER THE SLAVE CODE.

Mr. ABBOTT moved to take from the table for consideration the following order submitted by him on yesterday:

"Ordered, That this convention recommend the governor, immediately after the adoption of the new constitution, to issue pardons to all persons now held in confinement for any violation of the laws made for the protection of slavery in this State."

Upon this motion Mr. PUGH called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.