

Pending the consideration of which,

Mr. Wethered submitted the following amendment :

“ And also that of 1851, to be printed section by section in parallel columns.”

The question recurring upon the amendment,

On motion of Mr. Mitchell,

It was laid on the table.

Mr. Walsh submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Elective Franchise be requested to take into their consideration the expediency of inserting into the Constitution strong and efficient provisions to secure to every legal voter of this State hereafter, the free, independent and manful expression of his political convictions at the ballot box, and that said Committee for that purpose consider the following subjects :

First. Suitable provisions to secure at all elections to be held hereafter in this State, upright, impartial and independent judges of election, and to protect them in the performance of their duties, and to punish them for partiality or corruption.

Second. Suitable provisions to secure the independence at the ballot box of the laborers and employees of all corporations and associations operating in this State, and to protect them in the right of suffrage against all manner of control or restraint by such corporations or associations, or their agents, and to punish all such interference with the freedom of elections by the forfeiture of their charters and other means applicable to such corporations, associations and their agents.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following order :

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal of this Convention that the Hon. Vivian Brent, a delegate from Charles county, is detained from his seat by pressing business ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gill submitted the following order :

Ordered, That there be printed on the Journal of this Convention a copy of the Act of Assembly under which this Convention has been held.

Mr. Hollyday moved to amend, by inserting that paragraph of the Governor's Message suggesting the calling of a Convention ;