

Mr. Buchanan submitted the following, which, on motion of Mr. Wickes, was laid on the table:

*Ordered*, That the committee on the legislative department be requested to take into consideration the expediency of incorporating into the constitution some suitable provision for the protection of male and female children under the age of eighteen years, employed in the factories and workshops of this State from the excessive labor which in some cases is now imposed upon them, preventing their moral and physical development, and rendering them incapable of future usefulness to themselves and the State.

In making the motion to lay on the table, Mr. Wickes said the subject came properly only within the province of the Legislature.

Mr. George offered the following, which was referred to the committee on education:

*Ordered*, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of superintendent of public instruction, and substituting therefore four educational districts, one of which shall be the city of Baltimore, the other three as may, in the judgment of the committee, be most advisable, each district to be entitled to a superintendent, and whether it be politic to make said superintendents elective by the people or subject to appointment by the Governor, or otherwise.

Mr. Marbury, of Prince George's, offered the following order:

*Ordered*, That the committee on the judiciary inquire how far this Convention is limited in its powers by the existing constitution of the State and the act of Assembly providing for the call of the Convention, and report to this Convention at as early a day as practicable.

Mr. Ritchie, of Baltimore city, asked whether the order was to be understood as having any practical application, or as being simply theoretical.

Mr. Marbury replied that a mere theoretical report was desired; the practical effect would develop itself afterward.