

clerk of the county commissioners of Anne Arundel county, stating that the amount levied for the judges of the Orphans' Court of that county, for the year 1866, was \$860.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell, it was ordered to be entered on the journal that Vivian Brent, delegate from Charles county, is detained from his seat by pressing business.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, of Allegany, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the elective franchise be requested to take into consideration the expediency of inserting in the constitution strong efficient provisions to secure to every legal voter of this State hereafter the free, independent manifestation 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 forfeiture of their charters, and other means applicable to such corporations, associations and their agents.

On motion of Mr. Gill, it was

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.

On motion of Mr. Bateman, it was

Ordered, That the clerks of the county commissioners of the several counties of this State be requested to report at the earliest practicable day to this Convention the several amounts of money levied and paid to the clerks