

Mr. Jones said the committee had been entirely harmonious on every point but one, that with regard to admitting negro testimony to the courts.

Mr. Carter said it would be perfectly useless to send the matter back to the committee. The consultations of the committee had been of the freest and most lengthy nature, and they had been entirely unanimous with this one exception.

The motion to recommit was then lost. The report of the committee was then made the special order for Wednesday next, at 1 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Hall, it was

*Ordered*, That the committee on the appointment, tenure of office, &c., be requested to take into their consideration the expediency of altering or abolishing that part of the constitution of 1864, beginning "all civil officers to enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first day of May," so far as relates to inspectors of tobacco, hereafter to be appointed, and insert in lieu thereof "the fourth day of March in each and every year thereafter."

Mr. Kilbourne, from the committee on rules, made a report, which was made the order of the day for Thursday next.

The unfinished business, being the election of a reporter in chief to the Convention, was then taken up.

Mr. Archer moved to reconsider the vote to proceed to the election of a reporter, which was agreed to.

Mr. Archer then moved the following:

*Ordered*, That the services of a reporter to this Convention be dispensed with.

Mr. Wethered hoped the order would not be adopted. He regarded this Convention as only second in importance to the one which formed the constitution of the United States, and as all important that the debates should be published.

Mr. Marbury argued in favor of having a reporter.

Mr. Denson called for the previous question, which be-