

in the changed order of things, he was of the opinion that it was essential to give the right of testimony to the negro. It was not so much the right of the negro as of the white man that this provision should be incorporated in the constitution.

The destinies of the country are no longer controlled by principles of justice, but wielded by the arbitrary, unscrupulous will of bloodthirsty, fanatical red republicans; and therefore it became them, while having a due regard for the dignity and rights of the State, to endeavor to protect the people by all the possible safeguards. He had heard threats of what was to be done to Maryland, and while he did not regard them personally, he should look ahead and avert, if possible, impending perils.

Without further action, the Convention, at 3.10 P. M. adjourned.

NINETEENTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1867.

Convention met at 10½ o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Henderson.

The President presented communications from the clerks of county commissioners, showing the amount of assessable property, as follows: Frederick county, \$31,661,035; Charles county, \$3,407,385.

Also communication from Samuel Maccubbin, comptroller of Baltimore city, showing the amounts paid by the city of Baltimore during the years 1865 and 1866 for expenses of removed cases to Baltimore county court, as follows:

For 1865—J. T. Ensor, State's Attorney, \$1,110; R. J. Gittings, \$200; Wm. Foster, treasurer, \$2,556.21; J. W. Graffin, \$91; J. J. Daneker, \$464.75; witnesses and other expenses, \$1,753.20—total, \$6,175.16.

For 1866—J. T. Ensor, State's Attorney, \$1,792.45; Wm. Foster, treasurer, \$7,625; George C. Maund, \$366.66; J. Longnecker, \$159; William Thomson, sheriff, \$1,270.50; J. E. Alford, \$135; W. Galloway, \$64; J. B. Askew, \$51.08; J. J. Daneker, \$154.90; George H. Dutton, \$145.50; E.