

reading. I do not see, under the usual parliamentary rule that it will be necessary to make any distinction, or that there will be any difficulty; but some confusion may grow up if we separate it.

Mr. BRAY of Baltimore county. I know how perplexing is this previous question; and although I have somewhat hastily looked at the authorities with regard to it, my mind is not yet clear with regard to it, nor do I fully understand the amendment proposed by my friend from Allegany. I think that it is a question of so much importance, just at this time, that the consideration of the rule would better lie over until to-morrow, until we can see the amendment, and can examine the matter; and for that reason I move that the Convention adjourn.

The motion was agreed to, and
The Convention adjourned.

FIFTEENTH DAY.

FRIDAY, May 20th, 1864.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Patterson.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Berry of Prince George's, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Johnson, Jones of Cecil, Jones of Somerset, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Dorchester, Sneary, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—75.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Galloway,

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be directed to examine and settle the accounts for repairing and fitting up the Hall for the use of the Convention, under an order of the Legislature.

Mr. PURNELL submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, It is a matter of great importance that there should be a prompt and faithful attendance of the members and officers of this Convention, for the performance of the duties entrusted to them in their respective committees, as well as during the sessions of this body; therefore, be it

Resolved, That hereafter no member or officer of this Convention shall receive any per diem for such time as he may be absent from the said Convention; and that the President,

is hereby directed and required, in giving a certificate of payment to such member or officer, to deduct from his account, such time as he may have been absent, unless occasioned by actual indisposition, or some other unavoidable circumstance.

Resolved, That for the purpose of ascertaining the time lost by the members and officers the Secretary of this Convention be required to keep a weekly list, on which he shall note the respective days when each of said members or officers shall be absent, and file the same weekly with the Clerk of the Committee on Accounts, who shall deduct the same from the allowance of each member and officer, so that, at the end of the session, the number of days each member or officer has been absent, except from actual indisposition or other unavoidable cause, may be ascertained and entered upon the Journal of Proceedings.

Resolved, That every member shall be considered and noted as absent unless his name be entered on the Journal at the opening of each day's session, and also entered among the yeas and nays, that shall be taken on every proposition to adjourn, unless his absence be occasioned by actual indisposition or other unavoidable circumstance.

Which were read.

Mr. Todd submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, upon the order of the President of this Convention, pay to Thomas J. Corkran, who temporarily discharged the duties of Page, in the beginning of the sessions of this Convention, the per diem and mileage allowed to the permanent Pages, for the number of days of service rendered by him.

Mr. Todd moved the reference of this order to the Committee on Accounts, but at the suggestion of the President withdrew the motion.

The order was adopted.

ORPHANS' COURT.

Mr. MARKEY submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of changing or amending the Testamentary System, in cases where a testator has devised his property to his executors, to be sold, or has directed his real estate to be sold by his executors, for the payment of debts and legacies, or for any other purpose; so as, in the event of the death of both executors, or the survivor, or the death of a sole executor, to give power to the Orphans' Court of the county or city of Baltimore, where letters testamentary have been granted, to appoint an administrator *de bonis non*, with the will annexed, and invest him with power to sell such real estate and administer the proceeds according to the will of the testator.

Mr. BRISCOM. From the casual hearing of that order it seems to me that it would more