

Billingsley, Briscoe, Dennis, Jones of Somerset, Lee, Miller, Parran, Scott, Smith of Dorchester, Wilmer—11.

So the remainder of the first article was adopted.

Mr. CHAMBERS, when his name was called, said: I consider this a declaration of the right to reform the Constitution in such manner as they may deem expedient, to refer to a mode prescribed by the people, as meaning a previous direction; and I vote—aye.

Mr. MILLER, when his name was called, said: I shall vote against this latter clause, because I wish to vote for the 44th section of this article, and I think the two are utterly inconsistent. Not denying the right of the people to revolutionize and frame their government differently from what it is, to alter, reform or abolish their form of government in such manner as they may deem expedient, I am in favor of the Constitution itself restricting that right, as it does in the 44th article. I vote—no.

Mr. PARRAN, when his name was called, said: For the reason assigned by the gentleman from Anne Arundel, (Mr. Miller) being in favor of the 44th article, I vote—no.

Mr. SCOTT, when his name was called, said: I desire to be excused from voting upon this, because it contains two distinct propositions, one of which is undoubtedly true, but the other is very doubtful.

The Convention refused to grant the excuse.

The result of the vote having been announced,

Mr. THOMAS moved to adjourn, but withdrew the motion at the request of

Mr. CHAMBERS, who said: A number of gentlemen belonging to this Convention will be absent at a Convention, not political, which holds its session to-morrow, and may be occupied a part of the second day; and some of them, like myself, are exceedingly anxious to be present at the discussion of two of these articles of the Declaration of Rights, the 4th and the 23d. I care very little about the rest myself. I therefore move that the order of the day be postponed until Friday at 12 o'clock. I ask it as a matter of favor to those who may be absent.

Mr. DANIEL. I will sustain that motion, because other committees are ready to report—I know one committee is ready, to report; and we can go right on and lose no time.

Mr. STIRLING. I do not wish to interpose an objection; but I should like to know how many members are going up to this Convention. We adjourned over last week, and the discussion of this question was postponed two days for gentlemen to go home for the Whitsuntide holidays, to attend to their farms and the special relations those holidays bore to their farms. We came back and the report was not discussed until the day after that set down. If now, because two or three gentlemen are to be absent, we are to postpone the mat-

ter, two or three days, it may very well happen that then two or three more will want to be absent. Besides, Friday is the day before Saturday, and we do not always have a quorum on Saturday; so that this motion may involve a loss of three days. If there are many gentlemen going, and if there is any other business to transact, I should not object; but if it means that we are to stay here and do nothing for two days, I shall feel compelled to vote against the motion.

Mr. DANIEL. A committee of which I am a member, and the gentleman from Prince George's (Mr. Clarke) is chairman, will be ready to report to-morrow.

Mr. CLARKE. It is in the hands of the clerk to draw up the report.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. In reply to the question asked, I will state, I understand that there are 14 or 15 members of this Convention who desire to attend the Episcopal Convention to-morrow, and who are delegates to that Convention.

Mr. PURNELL. I hope the motion of the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers) will prevail. I should be unwilling to make the Declaration of Rights the order of the day for a future day if there were no other business to occupy the attention of the Convention in the interim. But I am aware of the fact, as stated by the chairman of a committee of which I am a member, that there will be a report before the Convention to-morrow which will perhaps occupy the attention of the Convention for the two days gentlemen desire to be absent at the Episcopal Convention. I think, therefore, that no injury will result from granting the request implied in the motion of the gentleman from Kent. Although not a member of that Convention, I know there are gentlemen present who are members of that Convention, and who desire to be present with us during the discussion upon the Declaration of Rights; and I am very much inclined to give them the opportunity.

Mr. PUGH. I am in favor of the postponement for the reason that I do not wish to see this bill of rights adopted by the Convention without giving all the gentlemen who have been elected from any part of the State an opportunity to say all they can say upon it. I should be very sorry, indeed, to give them the opportunity to go home and say that we had adopted the Declaration of Rights without giving them the right to be heard in reference to whatever they may have against it.

Mr. HEBB. I would suggest that inasmuch as there are a considerable number of articles in the bill of rights upon which these gentlemen will not desire to be heard, we agree to pass over the articles upon which they desire to speak, reserving those two articles until they return, with the understanding that the vote shall be taken on Saturday.