

SEVENTIETH DAY.

THURSDAY, August 11, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Owen.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Berry, of Prince George's, Brooks, Brown, Cunningham, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—58.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE.

Mr. PURNELL submitted the following resolution, which was read the first time:

Resolved, That this convention will adjourn *sine die* on Wednesday the 31st inst., unless adjourned at an earlier day in consequence of having finished the business for which it was called."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The convention (Mr. PUGH in the chair) resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the treasury department, which was on its second reading.

Section two was then read as follows:

"The comptroller shall have the general superintendence of the fiscal affairs of the State; he shall digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue, and for the support of the public credit; prepare and report estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the State; superintend and enforce the collection of all taxes and revenue, adjust, settle and preserve all public accounts; decide on the forms of keeping and stating accounts; grant, under regulations prescribed by law, all warrants for moneys to be paid out of the treasury in pursuance of appropriations by law; prescribe the formalities of the transfer of stock or other evidences of State debt, and countersign the same, without which such evidences shall not be valid; he shall make full reports of all his proceedings, and of the state of the treasury department within ten days after the commencement of each session of the legislature, and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by law."

Mr. STIRLING. I move to amend by striking out at the close of the section the words "as shall be," and inserting "as are now or may be hereafter," so that it shall read "and per-

form such other duties as are now or may be hereafter prescribed by law." This section was copied from the present constitution, which created new offices. As we are merely continuing old offices, we must recognize our present legislation in relation to them.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. MILLER. I move to strike out the word "legislature," wherever it occurs in this section, and to insert the words "general assembly."

The CHAIRMAN. It has been suggested that the committee on revision can do that.

Mr. MILLER. It can do no harm to put the motion and have the words stricken out.

The amendment was adopted.

No further amendment was offered to this section.

Section three was then read as follows:

"The treasurer shall receive and keep the moneys of the State and disburse the same upon warrants drawn by the comptroller, and not otherwise; he shall take receipts for all moneys paid by him, and all receipts for moneys received by him shall be indorsed upon warrants signed by the comptroller, without which warrant, so signed, no acknowledgment of money received into the treasury shall be valid; and upon warrants issued by the comptroller he shall make arrangements for the payment of the interest of the public debt, and for the purchase thereof, on account of the sinking fund; every bond, certificate, or other evidence of the debt of the State, shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the comptroller, and no new certificate or other evidence intended to replace another shall be issued until the old one shall be delivered to the treasurer, and authority executed in due form for the transfer of the same, shall be filed in his office, and the transfer accordingly made on the books thereof, and the certificate or other evidence cancelled; but the legislature may make provision for the loss of certificates or other evidence of the debt."

On motion of Mr. MILLER,

The word "legislature" was stricken out of this section wherever it occurred, and the words "general assembly" substituted.

No further amendment being offered to this section,

Section four was read as follows:

"The treasurer shall render his accounts quarterly to the comptroller; and on the third day of each session of the legislature he shall submit to the senate and house of delegates fair and accurate copies of all accounts by him from time to time rendered and settled with the comptroller; he shall at all times submit to the comptroller the inspection of the moneys in his hands, and perform all other duties that shall be prescribed by law."

Mr. MILLER. I move to amend the section near the close, by striking out the words