

cupied the time of the convention in long speeches, (see journal of debates) are alone responsible for the long session of this convention.

The PRESIDENT ruled the foregoing out of order.

Mr. SCOTT asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the week.

Mr. MAYHUGH and Mr. McCOMAS asked and obtained leave of absence from the session of the convention this evening.

On motion of Mr. ANNAN,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Henry Baker is absent from his seat on account of sickness.

ELECTIVE FRANCHISE, &c.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset, gave notice that at the proper time, should he have an opportunity, he would submit the following amendments to the report of the committee on elective franchise:

To amend the amendment of Mr. SCOTT, on the 434th page of the journal, by adding at the end thereof the following:

"And that I have never in any manner, either directly or indirectly, by word or deed, violated any article of the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the State of Maryland, or of the ten commandments, usually called 'the moral law,' as contained in the twentieth chapter of the Book of Exodus; that I have never aided, abetted, encouraged, or apologized for those abolitionists in the so-called free States, who by carefully prepared acts of their State legislatures, obstructed and effectually nullified, within such States, the constitution and laws of the United States, in relation to the rendition of fugitives from service to their owners, whereby the said owners have been compelled to abandon their property and constitutional rights, or risk heavy losses by enormous fines, or their liberty by long imprisonment, or their lives by abolition mobs; but that I have uniformly and at all times, denounced them not only as covenant-breakers and traitors to their country, but as enemies of the human race."

To amend Mr. STIRLING'S amendment on page 435, of journal, by striking out all after the word "abilities," in the tenth line from the top of said page, and insert:

"Faithfully endeavor to restore to the Union, under the constitution of the United States the States now calling themselves the 'Confederate States of America,' with their constitution and laws, customs, habits and institutions, as they existed on the first day of December, 1860, and that I will at all times discountenance and oppose all political combinations having for their object the prevention of such restored Union."

After the word "thereof" in the sixth line from the top of page 435, of journal, strike

out all to the word "States" inclusive, and insert the following:

"But that I have faithfully supported the constitution of the United States, against all violators of the same whether in the Northern or Southern States, or in any department of the government of the United States, civil or military."

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. SMITH, of Dorchester, gave notice of his intention at the proper time to submit the following amendment to the report of the committee on the judiciary department:

Sec. 37. Strike out all after the word "the," in the first line, and insert "commissioners of the counties and Baltimore city, shall appoint in the city of Baltimore and the several counties, such number of justices of the peace as the wants and interests of the people may require; they shall certify their appointment so made to the governor, by whom the appointees shall be commissioned as justices of the peace of the State of Maryland, for ——— county and city; the justices so appointed and commissioned, shall be conservators of the peace, shall hold their office for two years, and shall have such jurisdiction, duties and compensation, subject to such right of appeal, as hath been heretofore exercised, or shall be hereafter prescribed by law."

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The convention then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday, being the report of the committee on the executive department, which was on its second reading.

DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR.

The following sections were severally read and passed without any amendment being offered thereto:

"Sec. 14. In case of any vacancy during the recess of the senate, in any office which the governor has power to fill, he shall appoint some suitable person to said office, whose commission shall continue in force till the end of the next session of the legislature, or till some other person is appointed to the same office, whichever shall first occur, and the nomination of the person thus appointed during the recess, or of some other person in his place, shall be made to the senate, within thirty days after the next meeting of the legislature.

"Sec. 15. No person, after being rejected by the senate, shall be again nominated for the same office, at the same session, unless at the request of the senate; or be appointed to the same office during the recess of the legislature.

"Sec. 16. All civil officers appointed by the governor and senate, shall be nominated to the senate within fifty days from the