

the first district at the third election ; and in like manner, afterwards, from each district in regular succession.

J. HOPKINS TARR,

THOMAS PERRY.

Which was read the first time, ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for Friday next, 31st inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Denson, by unanimous consent, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That had Isaac M. Denson been present when the vote was taken, on yesterday, on the 15th Article of the Bill of Rights, he would have voted for said Article as it came from the Committee ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Barnes, by unanimous consent, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That had John H. Barnes, who was absent on business of the Convention, been present on yesterday, he would have voted against the several propositions allowing a poll tax ;

Which was adopted.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day,

Being the Report of the Committee upon the Declaration of Rights.

Pending the consideration of the 16th Article of the Report,

Mr. Stoddert submitted the following amendment as a substitute for 16th Article :

Article 16. The patronage and expenses of the government of the State have increased, are increasing, and ought to be diminished, and a wise economy established and enforced in every branch of the public service by the several departments of the government ;

Which was rejected.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the 17th Article ;

Pending which,

Mr. Jones submitted the following amendment :

Add at last of 17th Article, "nor any retrospective oath or restriction be imposed or required ;"