

proceedings was read by the temporary secretary, James R. Howison, Esq.

Mr. Wickes, from the committee appointed to prepare a form of oath to be taken by the officers and members of the Convention, made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the question as to the form of oath to be taken by the officers and members of this Convention, beg leave to report:

That by the fifth section of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, providing for the call of this Convention, passed at the January session of 1867, chapter 327, it is enacted that before any member elect or officer of said Convention shall enter upon his duties, he shall take the oath to discharge said duties in the form prescribed by law for members of the House of Delegates of this State, mutatis mutandis, except the Speaker or President elect of said Convention, who shall take the same oath in the presence of said Convention, before some judge or justice of the peace of this State.

That by virtue of the act entitled "An act to restore to full citizenship and the right to vote and hold office, all persons who may be deprived thereof by the provisions contained in the 4th section of the constitution of this State," passed on the 24th of January, 1867, chapter 17, and also by virtue of said 5th section of said act of 1867, chapter 327, the oath or affirmation required to be taken by the members and officers of this Convention is as follows:

"I, _____, do swear, (or affirm,) as the case may be, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, according to the constitution and laws of the State of Maryland, discharge the duties of a member or officer of the Convention to frame a new constitution and form of government for the State of Maryland, called in pursuance of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed in the year 1867, chapter 327, and that since the 4th day of July, 1851, I have not in any manner violated the provisions of the present or the late constitution in relation to the bribery of voters or preventing legal votes, or procuring