

After some further discussion the motion to adjourn was disagreed to by yeas 37, nays 49.

Mr. Outerbridge Horsey, of Frederick, moved that the Convention proceed to select a president viva voce. Agreed to.

Mr. Geo. W. Dobbin nominated the Hon. R. B. Carmichael, of Queen Anne's.

No further nominations being made, on motion of R. C. Barry, Mr. Carmichael was declared the unanimous choice of the Convention.

On motion of Hon. John Wethered it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to conduct Mr. Carmichael to the chair.

The president pro tem. appointed Messrs. John Wethered, Walter Mitchell and Geo. Wm. Brown as the committee.

Mr. Carmichael, in assuming the duties of the chair, said:

Gentlemen of the Convention—This is a most distinguished honor. I thank you profoundly, proudly thank you. A partial constituency conferred the high privilege upon me of a seat upon this floor, to partake in your deliberations and labors on a subject of the highest concern to themselves and to the State. Appreciating as I do the responsibilities of that position, and the exalted characters of the members of this body, I feel that my position on the floor was fully equal to the measure of my deserving. The choice which has just fallen upon me to preside over your deliberations is, according to my taste, and in my judgment, the highest to which a citizen of Maryland could aspire, or any authority bestow. I am, therefore, gentlemen, totally without words to express as I would my sense of your favor.

It would not be becoming in me to attempt to foreshadow the result of the proceedings of this Convention by reference in detail to any of its measures. They are unknown to me. It is only for me to say that you have been called here to frame a new constitution or to adopt that which has had an existence de facto here for a brief space; and to express the opinion that you will discharge