

enquire into the expediency of providing in the Constitution for a Board of Public Works.

He [Mr. J.] was not in his seat when the resolution was offered. He understood that the gentleman from Cecil, [Mr. McLANE,] had stated that an order on the same subject had heretofore been passed. He, [Mr. J.] desired now to state, in justice to the gentleman from Alleghany, [Mr. FITZPATRICK,] that the Committee were prepared to make a report. But in view of the order adopted yesterday, it might be proper that the Committee should again be called together, before any report on the subject was presented.

Mr. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

"That the PRESIDENT of this Convention request the Treasurer of State to furnish each of the members of the Convention with a copy of his Annual Report."

Mr. PARKE gave notice of certain amendments which he intended at the proper time to offer to the Bill or Rights.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, offered the following resolution :

"That the committee No. 3, inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the passage of any law imposing a tax on money or debts due and owing by persons out of the State to persons residing in this State."

Mr. CHAMBERS said that, in presenting this resolution, he was not to be understood as doing more than obeying what he conceived to be some sort of a duty in desiring to give every one an opportunity to be heard, and evincing towards his correspondent a disposition to extend to him any courtesies which he reasonably could. He (Mr. C.) disclaimed for herself any purpose to interfere with any existing tax laws designed to relieve the State from her incumbrances. It was proper, however, that the proposition should be referred, in order that, if there was any merit in it, it might be discussed and decided.

#### INDEXES.

The PRESIDENT announced the unfinished business of the morning hour to be the following resolutions submitted yesterday by Mr. Tuck :

"Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be authorized to have a suitable index made to the Journal of Proceedings, and also to the Debates of the Convention.

Mr. THAWLEY offered an amendment, providing that the printing of the extra copies of the Journal should be discontinued, and that the money which would have been directed to that object, should be applied towards the payment for the Indexes.

The PRESIDENT thought the amendment not germane to the resolution, and suggested to the gentleman from Caroline, (Mr. THAWLEY,) to withdraw it for the present, and to offer it again when the pending question should have been disposed of.

Mr. THAWLEY, with that purpose, withdrew his amendment.

The question then recurred on the original resolution.

A brief and desultory discussion followed, in which Messrs. TUCK, BROWN, HICKS, WEBER, and PRESSMAN, took part.

A division of the question was called for and ordered; first, on ordering an Index to the Journal, and then of the Debates.

The question was taken, and both branches of the resolution were adopted.

Mr. THAWLEY now renewed his proposition in the following words:

"Ordered, That the order adopted some weeks past, authorizing the printing of four extra journals for each member of this Convention be rescinded."

Mr. T. asked the yeas and nays on his resolution, which were ordered.

Some further discussion followed, in which Messrs. PHELPS, RIDGELY, SPENCER, BROWN, BUCHANAN, RICAUD, TUCK, RANDALL and HICKS, took part;

When Mr. SPENCER, in order to give an opportunity to the Chairman of the committee on printing, to make an explanation, moved that the resolution be laid upon the table for the present.

Pending the question,

The PRESIDENT announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day.

Mr. BOWIE moved to postpone the consideration of the order of the day, that the Convention might dispose of the pending resolution.

The question having been taken, the Convention decided that the order of the day should not be postponed.

The PRESIDENT, by general consent, laid before the Convention a report from the Treasurer of this State, in obedience to the order of the Convention of the 2nd ultimo; which was read and ordered to be printed.

The Convention then passed to the order of the day.

#### SUFFOCATION BY GAS.

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city, by general consent, called the attention of the Convention to the deleterious effects produced upon the health of the members, (many of whom were complaining,) by the gas that escaped from the furnace, by which the Hall was heated, and hoped that some step would be taken to remedy the evil. There must, he suggested, be a defect in the furnace.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman had better suggest some course of proceeding.

Mr. BRENT. Well—I move the appointment of a Committee.

Mr. MORGAN. A Committee on Gas! (Laughter.)

Mr. BRENT. A Committee on Gas.

The PRESIDENT. To be composed of three members?

Mr. BRENT. That will do.

The committee was accordingly ordered to be appointed, and the following gentlemen compose it :