

ORDERS, &C.

Mr. PURNELL submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts, upon the order of the President of this Convention, pay to William R. Hammond, who temporarily discharged the duties of Postmaster, the per diem and mileage allowed to the Permanent Postmaster, for two days service in that capacity at the commencement of the session.

Mr. PURNELL said : I ask that this order be referred to the Committee on Accounts. Before that is done I would ask leave to make a statement. Mr. Hammond was the Assistant Postmaster of the former House of Delegates. He came here under the impression that it was his duty to attend upon the session of the Convention, as well as upon that of the House of Delegates. He came here at the last session of the Legislature in pursuance of what he conceived to be his duty, having been the Postmaster of the previous House of Delegates. After having been here several days he was appointed Assistant Postmaster, and remained here during the session, and of course received his per diem and mileage. When the Convention met he came here under the impression that it was his duty to do so, and served two or three days in that capacity, until the present excellent Postmaster was appointed. I move the reference of this order to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. SCHLEY. Was Mr. Hammond the Postmaster of the last House of Delegates ?

Mr. PURNELL. No, sir; he was the Assistant Postmaster, but the Postmaster of the last House of Delegates was not here, and Mr. Hammond, his Assistant, officiated.

Mr. SCHLEY. Is he Assistant Postmaster at present ?

Mr. PURNELL. No, sir, he has gone home.

The motion to refer was then agreed to.

Mr. CUSHING gave notice that when in order, he should move to amend the 43d rule of this Convention by striking out the words "whole number of members elected to the Convention" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "members present," so that it shall read, "and unless it shall thus appear that a majority of the members present have voted in the affirmative the article voted on shall be declared rejected."

TIME OF MEETING.

Mr. SANDS submitted the following order :

Ordered, That when the Convention adjourn to-day it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. HOFFMAN offered the following as a substitute :

Ordered, That this Convention shall commence its sessions at 11 o'clock each day until otherwise ordered.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I would suggest that 12 o'clock is early enough for

this Convention to meet each day. The committees are very laboriously at work preparing their reports for the Convention, and they should have time to consider the matters before them, otherwise, as a matter of course, the business of the Convention will be retarded. After the reports of committees are in I will be willing to go with gentlemen and meet at 10 o'clock, or 9 o'clock, or if gentlemen say so, at 8 o'clock. But at this stage of our proceedings I think 12 o'clock early enough.

Mr. HOFFMAN. It does seem to me that we are losing a great deal of time here of mornings. It appears to me that any committee can meet at 9 o'clock, and two hours is as long, I think, as any committee remains in session. I think we can all be ready to come in here at 11 o'clock. We have already been here three weeks and have accomplished very little. I hope the Convention will adopt the order to meet hereafter at 11 o'clock.

The question was stated to be upon the substitute offered by Mr. Hoffman for the order submitted by Mr. Sands.

Mr. SANDS. I accept the substitute offered by the gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr. Hoffman.)

The question was upon the adoption of the order as modified, fixing the time of commencing the daily sessions of the Convention hereafter at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. HEBB called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question having been taken by yeas and nays resulted yeas 54, nays 30, as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Barron, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, Larsh, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Smith of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—55.

Nays—Audoun, Belt, Berry of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Chambers, Crawford, Cuaningham, Dail, Davis of Charles, Dennis, Edelen, Harwood, Henkle, Johnson, Jones of Somerset, King, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Scott, Smith of Dorchester, Smith of Worcester—29.

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Mr. NEGLEY submitted the following order :

Ordered, That Henry Trich, doorkeeper to the last Legislature, be allowed two days pay and mileage for his attendance and services at the opening of this Convention.

Mr. N. said : I move the reference of this order to the Committee on Accounts. The