

in this city, whenever he may deem it proper, to prevent the departure from this city of any member or officer of the Convention, without permission being first obtained, as prescribed by the rules and orders of this Convention.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I question very much the power of the House to pass that order. The House can send the Sergeant-at-Arms when in session to bring absent members in; and that is all that the House can authorize. They cannot send him to the steamboat landing and railroad station to take custody of members when the House is not in session, and keep them until the House does go in session. I think you will have to apply to General Wallace for the authority to do that.

Mr. ABBOTT. If this will not do, we will apply to him.

The PRESIDENT. Any fifteen members in this House can compel the attendance of members.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. When in session.

The PRESIDENT. Of course, when in session. This is only when the body is in session.

Mr. SANDS. Does the order provide that the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be in both places at once, or that he shall have an assistant?

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, moved to amend by adding—"and that the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Abbott) be requested to attend and aid the Sergeant-at-Arms in the discharge of said duty on all occasions.

Ruled out of order.

Mr. SCHLEY moved to lay the order on the table.

Mr. ECKER demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken the result was—yeas 34, nays 27—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Berry, of Prince George's, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Chambers, Cunningham, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Edelen, Gale, Galloway, Greene, Henkle, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Murray, Parker, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sykes, Turner—34.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President, Abbott, Annan, Baker, Belt, Billingsley, Brown, Carter, Cushing, Daniel Davis, of Washington, Ecker, Farrow, Hebb, Keefer, King, McComas, Mullikin, Negley, Nyman, Robinette, Scott, Sneary, Stirling, Swope, Todd, Wooden—27.

When his name was called—

Mr. SANDS said: If I believed that evening sessions were going to accomplish any good, I should vote no; but if we are just to come here for the purpose of whiling away the time, I shall vote aye, to put it on the table and keep it there.

So the order was laid on the table.

Mr. BOND moved to adjourn.

Mr. SANDS demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken the result was—yeas 24, nays 38—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Cunningham, Duvall, Earle, Edelen, Gale, Greene, Henkle, Jones, of Somerset, King, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Stirling—24.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President, Abbott, Annan, Baker, Belt, Carter, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Keefer, Kennard, McComas, Miller, Mullikin, Negley, Robinette, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Swope, Sykes, Thruston, Todd, Turner, Wooden—38.

Mr. HEBB. It is evident that the House has nothing to do, as no one wishes to speak on the 4th article; and I therefore move that the 23d article of the Declaration of Rights be the order of the day at 11 o'clock to-morrow, in order that we may have something to do.

The PRESIDENT. The motion of the gentleman from Baltimore city, (Mr. Stirling,) carried that whole subject over until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Belt—

Ordered, That the Committee on the Legislative Department be requested to inquire into the expediency of incorporating a provision into the Constitution, requiring the Legislature to provide for the publication, after each regular session, of a new edition of the Maryland Code, which shall embrace all the changes, additions, and alterations in its sections and provisions made at that session, so that the last edition of the Code shall always represent the exact state of the law as it exists.

Mr. SCHLEY. As debate on this 4th article of the bill of rights appears to have exhausted itself, and inasmuch as I voted in the affirmative upon the order for the termination of the debate at 1 o'clock on Thursday next, I rise now to move a reconsideration of that order. I was very desirous to give the utmost facility to gentlemen wishing to speak on this important question. I was willing to hear all that could be said. But as no one else desires to speak, I move a reconsideration for the purpose of moving that the debate shall terminate to-morrow at noon.

The motion was duly seconded.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 26, nays 34—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Keefer, McComas, Mullikin, Negley, Nyman, Robinette, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Sneary, Swope, Todd, Wooden—26.