

Arundel county, was requested to act as temporary secretary of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the Rev. M. Leech, of Annapolis, was requested to offer prayer. Mr. Leech being present, came forward and offered up an appropriate invocation to the Throne of Grace.

On motion of Mr. C. S. Parran, Messrs. C. S. Parran, I. D. Jones, J. H. Roman, Bernard Carter and J. R. Longwell were appointed a committee to wait on the Governor and request an official list of the members of the Convention.

The committee appointed to wait on the Governor, returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and that the Governor would send in a communication to the Convention.

At 12.45 P. M. a communication was received from the Governor, enclosing his official proclamation convening the Convention, and also an official list of the delegates.

The roll was then called and all the members were found to be present excepting Thomas J. Hall, of Anne Arundel; Walter S. Wilkinson, of Baltimore city; Anthony Kennedy, of Baltimore county; Benjamin W. Bennett, of Carroll county; John T. Stoddert and Vivian Brent, of Charles; Col. Jas. Wallace, of Dorchester; Henry D. Farnandis, of Harford; Wm. M. Merrick, of Howard; Elbert G. Emack and John B. Brooke, of Prince George's.

Mr. Jones, of Somerset, moved to adjourn until tomorrow, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. George M. Gill opposed the motion. The Convention was here to accomplish the business before it with the utmost possible dispatch. The people expected them to go to work as speedily as possible. He therefore hoped that the Convention would proceed to the election of a presiding officer at once, and that the oath would be administered to the members.

Mr. Jones thought the preliminary business of the Convention could best be perfected in an informal meeting. There were a number of officers to be appointed, and a meeting could be held tonight to fix upon them.