

48 blank ballots ; and it therefore appearing that more votes have been cast in favor of the call of a Convention than against the call of a Convention—

*Now therefore*, I, Thomas Swann, Governor of the State of Maryland, in obedience to the requirements of the Act of Assembly aforesaid, do by this my proclamation declare and make known that the persons having the majority in the several counties and the city of Baltimore, respectively, have been duly elected delegates to said Convention, and that the Convention authorized by said Act will be held in the city of Annapolis, on the **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF MAY** next, being the eighth day of said month, where the said delegates will, on that day, assemble to enter upon the discharge of the duties prescribed by the Act aforesaid.

[SEAL,] Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1867.

THOMAS SWANN.

By the Governor:

JOHN M. CARTER, Secretary of State.

In conformity with the foregoing Proclamation, and in obedience to the requirements of the Act of Assembly, the title of which is therein mentioned, the Convention assembled at 12 o'clock, M., on Wednesday the 8th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, in the Hall of the House of Delegates, in the city of Annapolis.

All the delegates elect appearing to be present, except Messrs. Thomas I. Hall, of Anne Arundel county, Anthony Kennedy, of Baltimore county, John W. Bennett, of Carroll county, Vivian Brent and John T. Stoddert, of Charles county, James Wallace, of Dorchester county, Henry D. Farnandis, of Harford county, William M. Merrick, of Howard county, and John B. Brooke, of Prince George's county.

On motion, by Mr. Isaac D. Jones,

Mr. John F. Dent was appointed temporary President, and Mr. James R. Howison temporary Secretary.

On motion, by Mr. Jones, it was

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Convention be opened by prayer, and that the Rev. Mr. Leach, who is now present, be requested to officiate; whereupon,

The Rev. Mr. Leach offered a prayer.

Mr. Charles S. Parran, submitted the following order :

Which was agreed to,