

vide that those negroes may come back. The characters of those who have left the State are pretty well known in the neighborhoods where they formerly lived; we know those among them whom we can trust, who would not be such burdens to us as others would; who are not such rogues as might come from other States. The negroes congregated about Washington I have no doubt are the worst of the whole South; they are those who run away from their masters in time of trouble, and all of that sort, and I do not want any such class in this State. But we know the character of those who have gone out of this State, and I want them to have the privilege of coming back.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE called the previous question, and, the call being sustained, the main question was ordered to be put.

The question was stated to be upon the amendment of Mr. Abbott.

Mr. CLARKE. I understand the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Abbott) will accept my amendment to his amendment.

Mr. ABBOTT. Yes sir, I accept it.

Mr. NEGLEY. I hope the gentleman will not accept that amendment. I want to vote for his amendment, but I cannot vote for the other.

The amendment as modified was then read as follows:

Insert in the proper place the words: "Or any person who sympathizes with the rebellion of the Southern States, or any one now living north of Mason's & Dixon's line."

Mr. ABBOTT called for the yeas and nays upon the amendment, but they were not ordered.

The question being then taken, the amendment was not agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the original proposition offered by Mr. Clarke, as modified upon the suggestion of Mr. Schley, to except soldiers in the service of the United States.

Mr. CLARKE called for the yeas and nays but they were not ordered.

The question being taken the order was adopted and referred accordingly.

THOMAS J. CORKRAN.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. In accordance with notice given by me on yesterday, I now move to reconsider the vote of yesterday morning by which the Convention directed payment to be made to Thomas J. Corkran, for services alleged to have been rendered as a page.

The PRESIDENT. Did the gentleman vote in the affirmative?

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I voted in the affirmative for the especial purpose of making this motion, and I wish to explain my reason for making it. I do not make it because of the amount of money involved in that order alone; if that was all that was involved I would not trouble this Convention with this motion. But the facts, as I understand them,

are simply these: this person was a gentleman who had previously discharged certain duties as a page for the House of Delegates, how efficiently it is not necessary to state. He came here, as I understand it, from his home in some remote corner of the Eastern Shore of the State, I do not know where, for the purpose of procuring the same position in this body. While here, on that electioneering tour for himself, hardly discharging the duties of a page, but as a part of his general plan of electioneering, he performed for a day or two, some of the duties of a page. Not being successful, I suppose, he returned home, as we have not seen him here since. This is an order to pay him his per diem and mileage, amounting to some \$50 or \$60, on this excursion relating to his own business and not for the purposes of this Convention. Now if he is to be paid, there are several others in the same category; those are, some from Washington county, one from Carroll county, one from Baltimore county, and I do not know how many more; and after we have paid them their mileage and per diem for excursions relating to their own business, the Convention will find that they have wasted quite a large sum of money. I do not think it just to do that, and therefore I move that this order be reconsidered.

Mr. TODD. I have no objection to the reconsideration of that order. I have no personal interest in the question, whether it passes or not; but I understood from my colleague, (Mr. Noble,) who is absent from his seat to-day, that this gentleman came over here with the understanding that it was his duty to come and assist here until the Convention was regularly organized, and that understanding of the matter led me to offer the order which I did on yesterday. I offered it however, not for the purpose of having a direct vote upon it by the Convention, but for the purpose of having it referred to the Committee on Accounts. I made that motion to refer, but the President decided that it was unnecessary, and I withdrew it. If the Convention resolves to reconsider its vote of yesterday, I shall then renew my motion to refer the subject to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. MILLER. I see by an examination of the journal of Wednesday of last week, that there was a precisely similar order passed there to pay a party who had been temporarily discharging the duties of page, the per diem and mileage allowed to permanent pages for the number of days he rendered service. The party was named Alfred Miller. Now, if the gentleman in whose favor this order is offered did actually come here, whether for the purpose of getting an appointment from the majority or not, and actually discharged these duties when there was nobody else to discharge them, and we received the benefit of his services, I think he ought to be paid just as the other was.