

## ORDER OF THE DAY—BILL OF RIGHTS.

The PRESIDENT announced that the hour had arrived to proceed to the consideration of the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on the Bill of Rights.

Mr. SMITH, of Carroll, moved that the consideration of that report be postponed to Monday next, and that it be made the order of the day for that day, at 1 o'clock.

The question being taken, the motion was agreed to.

## THOMAS J. CORKRAN—RESUMED.

The question recurred upon the motion of Mr. Stockbridge to reconsider the vote by which the Convention directed that mileage and per diem be paid to Thomas J. Corkran for the number of days during which he temporarily discharged the duties of page to this Convention.

The question being taken, the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order.

On motion of Mr. TODD, the order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion of Mr. TODD,

*Ordered*, That it be entered on the Journal that Mr. Noble, of Caroline county, is detained from his seat in this Convention by indisposition.

On motion of Mr. GALLOWAY,

*Ordered*, That it be entered upon the Journal that, if Mr. Galloway had been in his seat on Friday, the 13th inst., he would have voted in the affirmative for the resolution submitted by Mr. Stirling tendering the thanks of the State to the soldiers of Maryland in the army of Gen. Grant.

Mr. THOMAS submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, That the Committee on the Legislative Department be requested to inquire into the expediency of engrafting a provision in the Constitution exempting an amount to the value of \$500 (five hundred dollars) of a debtor's property from execution.

Mr. THOMAS said: I will state in relation to this order that, by reference to the Constitution of Maryland, adopted in 1851, it will be found to contain a provision conferring upon the Legislature power to exempt, not exceeding \$500. That provision was not acted upon until 1861, when the Legislature passed an act exempting \$100 instead of \$500. All I desire is to have this order referred to the appropriate committee, in order that they may inquire into the expediency of incorporating in the Constitution a provision exempting this amount, and not leave the amount to the decision of the Legislature.

The order was referred accordingly.

## ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE CLERK.

Mr. Negley submitted the following order:  
*Ordered*, That J. W. Garmon be added as an additional committee clerk, pro tempore,

his services being already employed by several Standing Committees, and that he be detailed on the Committee of the Treasury, Basis of Representation, Education, and Future Amendments to the Constitution.

Mr. THOMAS. I would inquire if the chairmen of those committees desire the appointment of another clerk?

Mr. NEGLEY. As the chairman of the Committee on the Treasury, I would say that I have had no clerk at all, and as a member of the Committee on the Basis of Representation, I can say that that committee has had no clerk. I have conferred with the chairman of that committee, (Mr. Abbott,) and he desires to have a clerk.

Mr. ABBOTT. I would simply state, that although we have had a great many meetings of our committee, I have not yet been able to find a clerk, and the gentleman from Cecil county (Mr. Pugh) a member of that committee, is now performing the duties of clerk to the committee. The gentleman referred to in this order has kindly offered to render any assistance we might need, and I have got him to draw up several papers for the committee. I do not know whether the House is so overburdened with clerks that they need no more. If so, I do not know where they are, for none of them ever come to our committee-room.

The PRESIDENT. If the chairman of any committee will notify the President of any delinquencies upon the part of any of the officers of the Convention, he will at once call the attention of the Convention to the subject.

Mr. ABBOTT. I do not desire to be understood as reflecting upon any officer; such was not my intention at all.

Mr. CUSHING. I will state that the Committee on Education has had no clerk.

Mr. CLARKE. And the Committee on the Tenure of Offices has had no clerk.

Mr. PUGH. I have been acting as clerk to our committee ever since its first meeting.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I would inquire if the member intends to claim extra compensation. [Laughter.]

Mr. DANIEL. There are so many committees that are said to have no clerks that I would inquire what our clerks are doing, and where they are. I have been on several committees, and I have seen no clerks. It does seem to me that the clerks appointed here have not been about doing their duty. I must vote against this order, unless I can see some necessity for it. The gentleman named in this order is a very worthy man, and I should like to see him employed here, if there is any necessity for it. But I do not believe there is work for the clerks we now have, even if they attend upon the committees. It is not here like it is in a legislative body, where a great many bills have to be drawn, and much work of that kind to be done.