

Mr. SANDS said: For fear I might seem inconsistent in my two votes, I shall give my reasons for voting in the negative upon this proposition. I do not think they ought to be in charge of those who declare against their emancipation. If I were on the bench of the orphans' court, and application were made for the services of a negro apprentice, and the master should tell me he ought not to have been set free, I should tell him he was not a suitable person to have the custody of a negro, and he should not have it. I therefore, on this branch of the proposition, vote "no."

Mr. THOMAS said: When I consented to come here to this convention, I stood pledged before my constituents to vote against any system of negro apprenticeship, and to vote in favor of unconditional and immediate emancipation, and to vote in favor of representation according to population. I have redeemed every single one of these pledges. I do not intend to violate a single pledge that I made. In consideration of that pledge, and in consideration furthermore that I consider that the laws and the statutes of the State are already sufficient to meet the cases of all free negroes, as well those emancipated as those who are free now, I am opposed to putting anything in the organic law which is to provide for that; and more especially am I opposed to the proposition to give these slaves to their masters. I am in favor of allowing the law to remain just as it is, to allow the orphans' court to use their discretion. I therefore vote "no."

Mr. VALLIANT said: I do not rise to give all my reasons for my vote upon this branch of the amendment; but I rise simply to say that I shall vote under this apprehension, that the words "in all cases," have exclusive reference to such minors only as are incapable of supporting themselves, and has no reference to the whole mass of the negro minors emancipated by the 23d article of the bill of rights. Under that apprehension I vote "aye."

The second branch of the section was accordingly agreed to.

Mr. GALLOWAY asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Gorrell, committee clerk.

Messrs. Hopkins, Edson and McComas were excused from attending the sessions of the convention until Monday.

On motion of Mr. STIRLING,

The convention took a recess until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Keefer, King, Lansdale, Markey, Mitchell, Morgan,

Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Wooden—46.

There being no quorum present, Mr. AUDOUN moved a call of the convention;

The motion being sustained,

The roll was called, and the following members responded:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Keefer, King, Lansdale, Markey, Mitchell, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Wooden—46.

On motion of Mr. AUDOUN,

The sergeant-at-arms was sent after absent members.

Subsequently the sergeant-at-arms returned and reported that he could find but one absentee in the city, Mr. Chambers, who was indisposed.

On motion of Mr. PUGH,

The convention adjourned.

EIGHTY-THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, August 27, 1864.

The convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Patterson,

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Blackiston, Brooks, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Duval, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, King, Lansdale, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Suary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—58.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

ABSENT MEMBERS.

On motion of Mr. MULLIKIN,

It was ordered to be entered on the journal that James Valliant is detained from his seat to-day in consequence of attention to business as chairman of the committee on printing and reporting, with the printer in Baltimore.