

early for members of this Convention to commence their work, still, as long as they are engaged in work upon our committees, I do not see the possibility of their being in the Convention at 10 o'clock in the morning. I am, therefore, for the present opposed to this Convention meeting at that hour. As soon as the reports of committees have been submitted to the Convention I shall be in favor of meeting at that hour, or even earlier. But at this time I am compelled to vote "no."

Mr. THRUSTON. For the reason assigned by the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stockbridge), I shall vote "no."

Mr. VALLIANT. I had at first intended to vote "aye." But for the reason assigned by the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stockbridge), I shall vote "no."

The order was accordingly adopted.

Mr. THRUSTON submitted the following:

*Ordered*, That the Committees on the Judiciary and Legislative Departments have leave to sit during the sessions of the Convention, until 11 o'clock A. M. daily.

Mr. MILLER. I hope that order will not be passed. The members composing those two committees are the most able and important members of this body. If we are to meet at 10 o'clock in the morning and consider the important questions before this body, I want those members to be present.

The question being upon the adoption of the order, it was not agreed to.

INFORMATION FROM THE TREASURER.

Mr. CLARKE submitted the following:

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby requested to furnish this Convention, at his earliest convenience, a statement showing the balance in the Treasury on the 1st of December, 1862, the balance in the Treasury on the 1st of December, 1863, and the balance in the Treasury on the 1st day of June, 1864.

2d. The amount of funded debt still unredeemed, the dates when they severally fall due, and the amounts due at the several dates.

3d. The amount standing due to the credit of the sinking fund on the 1st of June, 1864, with a specification of the manner in which the sinking fund is invested, and a reference to the laws authorizing the several investments.

4th. The amount of the sinking fund cancelled under the act of 1864, chapter —, with a specification of the evidences of indebtedness cancelled.

5th. The amount of funded debt still unredeemed on the 1st day of January, 1862.

6th. The amount of funded debt unredeemed on the 1st day of June, 1864.

7th. The amount of appropriations made by the last Legislature, with a specification of the amounts and objects of each appropriation.

8th. The amount of money paid out of the Treasury under the acts of 1864, chapter 15, and 1864, chapter 373.

9th. The amount of loans, under the acts of 1864, chapter 15, and 1864, chapter 373, which the Treasurer has advertised to be taken.

10th. The interest which the State has in the various works of internal improvements, railroads and canal companies, banks, &c., and the annual receipts derived from each to the State.

Mr. SANDS. I would like, before I vote for it, to know the object of this order.

Mr. CLARKE. I understand that when we come to consider the report upon the legislative department, there will be submitted various propositions in reference to the power to be given the Legislature over the sinking fund and the debts of the State; and it will be impossible for us to vote understandingly without the information which this order proposes to obtain. I think a proposition has also been submitted to this Convention, in reference to giving power to the Legislature to dispose of such interests as the State may now have in various public works, &c., and this information is such as we must have in order to act understandingly upon the subjects before us. It is information which I desire to have before I am called upon to vote upon many questions which will come before this body. That is the only object I have in view in submitting this order.

The order was adopted.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS—ALLEGIANCE.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Declaration of Rights.

The PRESIDENT. When the Convention adjourned on yesterday, it had just completed the consideration of the twenty-sixth article of this report.

Mr. STIRLING. As the House is very full this morning, more so than at any time before, and as the attendance for the rest of this week will probably continue to be very large, I propose that we go back to the articles which have been passed over without action, and take them up and dispose of them. I move that we now take up the fourth article and consider it.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I understood that it was by general consent that certain articles were passed over until we had gone through all the rest of the report of the committee. I understood the Chair to rule out of order the proposition of the gentleman from Baltimore city, (Mr. Abbott,) to insert a new article, to be called article one. I hope we will proceed with the consideration of this report from article twenty-six to the end, when I presume the amendment of the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Abbott) will be first in order.

Mr. ABBOTT. The article which I proposed to have inserted was submitted by me before any of the articles reported by the committee were read, and the Chair ruled that it would