

Mr. BLACKISTON and Mr. BERRY asked and obtained leave of absence.

Mr. BROWN asked and obtained leave of absence until July 6.

Mr. SCOTT. If the gentleman will withdraw his motion to adjourn, I wish to offer an order.

Mr. STIRLING withdrew his motion.

Mr. SCOTT submitted the following order:

Ordered, That when the Convention adjourns to-day, it stand adjourned till 12 o'clock, M., on Wednesday, July 6th.

Mr. SCOTT said: I was somewhat at a loss to know whether it was better to call up the order on the table or to offer a new order; but I concluded to offer a new order, which I think will meet the convenience of a majority of the members of the Convention. I think enough members will be excused, and enough will be absent without excuse, to leave the Convention without a quorum and unable to do any business. I think, therefore, that we may as well adjourn, and allow our agricultural friends to gather in their harvest. My own harvest is not pressing upon me, for I have been fortunate enough to have means of gathering it without my attendance; but there are others who are not so fortunate. I think the Convention will bear me witness that I have not been remiss in my attendance here; and I make this motion to accommodate others rather than myself.

Mr. CUSHING. I hope the Convention will not adjourn until the 6th of July. I think the reason cited by the gentleman from Cecil (Mr. Scott,) is at the best a very poor one. If gentlemen choose to take upon themselves the responsibility of absenting themselves and leaving the Convention without a quorum, it is their business and not ours. I think it would be compromising the dignity of the Convention to vote for this order upon such a ground.

Mr. DANIEL demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 40, nays 31—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Barron, Berry, of Baltimore county, Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Duvall, Edelen, Farrow, Gale, Harwood, Hatch, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Murray, Parran, Peter, Purnell, Ridgely, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Sykes, Thomas, Turner—48.

Nays—Messrs. Annan, Audoun, Baker, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Keefer, McComas, Mullikin, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Thruston, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—31.

As their names were called,

Mr. BERRY, of Baltimore county, said: I have been necessarily absent from this Convention, not on private business for one moment, but always on public business. The Governor of the State, acting under the orders of the General Government, has ordered my absence during next week, and perhaps for two weeks. I cannot tell when I may be able to return to my duties. I shall therefore vote "aye."

Mr. HOPKINS said: I think the convenience of so many of the members depends on this adjournment, that we should not have enough to do business if we continue in session. I am ready to continue here, and would not desert my post; but believing that we should not have a quorum here, I vote "aye."

Mr. THOMAS. Excepting at one time, I have never been absent unless for attendance upon official business. But I am perfectly satisfied, from the disposition I have seen on the part of members, that there will be either no quorum until the 6th July, or a bare quorum. I desire upon the other sections of the Bill of Rights, and in the consideration of the article upon the Legislative Department, that there should be a full House. I am unwilling to come here day after day for a week, and have no quorum or a large number of empty benches. I therefore vote "aye."

So the motion was agreed to.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS.

Mr. CUSHING. I wish to make a personal explanation in reference to a statement made while I was out of the House, and again when I was in it. The gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers) assumed to animadvert upon the number of years I have lived, as some reason why the arguments I presented should not have weight in proportion to the reason they contained. That, I would suggest, is a subject for my constituents, and not for any man upon the floor of this House. If my constituents considered me old enough and wise enough to represent them here, I would suggest that it is travelling beyond his legitimate business for any member to reflect upon that as a reason for diminishing the weight of what I said. I have not and shall not inquire the age of any gentleman upon this floor. I will not say that the gentleman from Kent is only fit to represent on this floor an evanished past. If his constituents think him of a suitable age to represent them, I will give full weight to all the arguments he may present.

My friend from Baltimore county (Mr. Berry) thought proper to charge me with inconsistency, as the remarks of the gentleman were reported to me, because while a proslavery man, I thought the fugitive slave law ought to have been resisted in the streets of Boston, and said that were I a citizen of Massachusetts, though it had cost me my life, I