

EXPLANATION.

Mr. STIRLING. I wish to call the attention of the Convention, and especially of the gentlemen from Prince George's (Mr. Clarke,) to page 274 of the Debates, containing a portion of a reported speech delivered by the gentleman from Prince George's. He says:

"When I first listened to the reading of the 4th Article reported by the majority of the Committee on the Declaration of Rights, to be embodied in the bill of rights, as declaratory of the prerogatives of the people of this State, I designed to say nothing on the momentous questions involved, because from the circumstances attending its incorporation into that report. I did not believe that any good result would be accomplished by my participating in this debate."

The first sentence has affixed to it a star, and at the bottom of the page is this note:

"I allude to the fact that the report was drawn up and prepared to be submitted to the Convention, without the minority of the committee having had an opportunity to take part in the discussion or formation of it."

I do not wish to trouble the Convention with any restatement of what was said before with regard to this matter. I merely wish to say that I do not regard this note as expressing correctly the facts in regard to that report. Although I take it for granted that the gentleman intended to act fairly in the matter, I do not conceive that he had any right to place in the debate what he did not utter upon this floor. As I do not understand this note to contain the facts with regard to that report, I move that it be excluded from the Debates.

Mr. CLARKE. I wish to put myself right with regard to that. The reporter had this very language in his report, placed between dashes, at the point indicated, connecting the whole in one sentence. When I read it over, I suggested to him the fact that the sentence was long and involved, and that it would be better to put this in a note instead of in the sentence. Mr. Lord, the reporter, will remember that this was in the report of the speech as delivered by me.

With regard to the explanation of the facts the gentleman made an explanation subsequent to my speech, and if I understood it, it did not differ from my statement. I understood him to state that the report was brought before the committee all prepared, and was then submitted to the minority of the committee as being the report which the majority had prepared to be submitted to the Convention as containing their views. I think that the note is a fair statement of what the gentleman said in explanation of the facts. But it is sufficient to say that the exact language was used by me and reported in the body of the speech, and was merely put in a note to avoid extending the sentence.

Mr. STIRLING. If the gentleman used this language in his speech, I have nothing further to say. But the impression produced upon anybody reading the report would be that it was not uttered in the debate, but added in explanation afterwards. I will, upon the assurance of the gentleman, and with the understanding that this explanation shall appear in the Debates, withdraw my motion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On motion of Mr. MORGAN,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal that if George W. Morgan, who was absent from the Convention on account of sickness, on the 24th of June, when the vote was taken on the amendment of Mr. Brown to the 23d Article to the bill of rights, had been present he would have voted for the amendment, but that he would have voted against the said article.

On motion of Mr. BARRON,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that had John Barron, of Baltimore, been present on yesterday, he would have voted in favor of the adoption of the Declaration of Rights, as adopted by this Convention.

On motion of Mr. WILMER,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that had Mr. Wilmer been present on Friday, June 24th, he would have voted in favor of the amendment submitted by Mr. Brown to the 23d Article of the bill of rights, and against the adoption of said article.

On motion of Mr. DELLINGER,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that if Mr. Dellinger had not been detained from his seat on the 24th ultimo by sickness, when the vote was taken on the 23d Article of the bill of rights, he would have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. CLARKE submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the Treasurer be requested to furnish this Convention as soon as possible with the information asked for under an order adopted June 1st, 1864.

Mr. STIRLING. I am informed that it will involve the expense of extra help to obtain the information asked for. I should like to have that determined before voting upon this order.

Mr. CLARKE. I was not aware that it would involve expense. I supposed that it could be done in a day or two.

Mr. CUSHING. I move that the order be laid over until to-morrow, that we may obtain information from the Treasurer.

Mr. CLARKE. I have no objection to that. The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

Mr. CHAMBERS. We had yesterday some discussion in relation to the subject of the order I propose to offer. I think it will be admitted everywhere that amongst the ear-