

## EVENING SESSION, AUGUST 1, 1867.

The Convention met at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Carmichael, (President,) Alvey, Archer, Austin, Barnes, Barry, Bell, Bennett, Bradley, Brent, Brewer, of Montgomery, Brooke, Brown, Buchanan, Carter, Cover, Cunningham, Devries, Dorsey, Duvall, Evans, Farnandis, Finley, Ford, Galt, Goldsborough, of Dorchester, Groome, Hall, Hammond, Hardcastle, Hayden, Hoblitzell, Hodson, Hollyday, Howison, Hubbard, Jones, Keating, Kennedy, Lee, Longwell, Mackubin, Manro, Massey, Maulsby, McCormick, McKaig, McMaster, McPherson, Merrick, Mitchell, Morris, Motter, Murray, Nelson, Nicolai, Page, Charles S. Parran, John Parran, Perry, Pleasants, Pole, Rider, Riggs, Ringgold, Ritchie, Roman, Silver, Spates, Starr, Stoddert, Syester, Tarr, of Caroline, Tarr, of Worcester, Toadvine, Wallace, Walsh, Watkins, of Montgomery, Wethered, Wickes—79.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning's session,

Being the Report of the Committee appointed to Report upon the formation of a new County out of parts of Somerset and Worcester Counties,

Which, upon a second reading, had been read through.

Mr. Jones submitted the following amendment, being the Report of the Minority of the Committee, as a substitute for the Report of the Majority of the Committee :

Section 1. The General Assembly may provide for the formation of new counties, locating and removing county seats, and changing county lines, but no new county shall be formed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits of any proposed new county ;— and whenever a new county is proposed to be formed out of portions of two or more counties, the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits of such part of each county as is proposed to be included in such new county shall be necessary to include such part ; nor shall any new county contain less than four hundred square miles nor less than ten thousand white inhabitants ; nor shall any county be reduced below that number of square miles and of white inhabitants ; nor shall the lines of any county be changed without the consent of a majority of the