

“Two-thirds of the convention shall be necessary to constitute a quorum to do business; but any number of members, at or after the time in which the convention shall have adjourned, or while the convention is in session, shall have power to order a call of the convention, and to enforce the attendance of absent members.”

On motion of Mr. Bosbyshell,

Resolved, That the auditor of state be requested to report to this convention, at as early a day as practicable, the amount of real and personal property in this state, subject to taxation in the years 1836 and 1846.

On motion of Mr. Crain,

Resolved, That the committee on the Legislative Department be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the constitution as to prohibit the holding of two or more lucrative offices, at the same time, by one person.

Mr. Kenner offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on Counties be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the constitution as to permit any portion of a county, containing more than four hundred square miles, to be stricken off and added to a county of less than four hundred square miles, upon a majority of three-fourths of the legal voters in said district proposed to be stricken off; *Provided*, That the county from whence it may be taken shall not be reduced to an area of less than four hundred square miles, nor the county lines brought within ten miles of any county seat.

Which was,

On motion of Mr. Knowlton,

Laid on the table until the 4th of July, 1849.

Mr. Bond offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on Bill of Rights be instructed to report for adoption by this convention, as an article of the new constitution of this state, a clause prohibiting free negroes from hereafter emigrating to and settling within the bounds of this state, and to prevent the owners of slaves in other states from bringing them into and setting them free in this state, with such penalties annexed as will be calculated to effectuate the object in view.

Mr. Adams moved to strike out all after the word “resolved,” and insert in lieu thereof the words:

“That the legislature shall have no power to pass laws of an oppressive character applicable to persons of color.”

On motion of Mr. Shields,

The amendment was laid on the table, by yeas and nays: { Yeas, . 92
Nays, . 46

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Akin
Allen
Anderson
Atherton
Blakely
Brockman
Bond
Crain

Mr. Campbell of McDonough
F. S. Casey
Z. Casey
Constable
Cloud
Churchill
Davis of Montgomery
Davis of Massac

Mr. Dawson
Dement
Dunsmore
Edwards of Madison
Edwards of Sangamon
Eccles
Edmonson
Evey

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| Mr. Frick | Mr. Loudon | Mr. Stadden |
| Graham | McCallen | Sharpe |
| Geddes | McCully | Shields |
| Green of Jo Daviess | McClure | Servant |
| Grimshaw | McHatton | Sim |
| Harlan | Manly | Simpson |
| Hawley | Marshall of Coles | Smith of Gallatin |
| Hunsaker | Marshall of Mason | Smith of Macon |
| Huston | Mieure | Shumway |
| James | Miller | Thornton |
| Jenkins | Minshall | Trower |
| Jones | Moore | Turnbull |
| Knapp of Jersey | Morris | Tutt |
| Knapp of Scott | Oliver | Tuttle |
| Kreider | Pace | Vance |
| Kenner | Palmer of Macoupin | Vernor |
| Kinney of St. Clair | Palmer of Marshall | Webber |
| Kitchell | Rives | West |
| Lander | Robbins | Witt |
| Lasater | Robinson | Whiteside |
| Laughlin | Roman | Woodson |
| Lemon | Rountree | Worcester. |
| Logan | Scates | |

Those voting in the negative, are,

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| Mr. Adams | Mr. Dunn | Mr. Knowlton |
| Armstrong | Green of Tazewell | Knox |
| Blair | Gregg | Mason |
| Ballingall | Harding | Moffett |
| Bunsen | Harper | Norton |
| Butler | Harvey | Pratt |
| Canady | Hatch | Peters |
| Carter | Heacock | Pinckney |
| Choate | Henderson | Powers |
| Colby | Hill | Swan |
| Cross of Winnebago | Hoes | Spencer |
| Church | Hurlbut | Sibley |
| Dale | Jackson | Turner |
| Davis of McLean | Judd | Williams |
| Deitz | Kinney of Bureau | Whitney. |
| Dummer | | |

On motion,

The convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1847.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Barger.

The question pending at the adjournment on yesterday, was on the adoption of the resolution introduced yesterday by Mr. Bond.

Mr. Thornton moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the words "instructed" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"To report a provision for insertion in the revised constitution, authorizing the legislature to enact all necessary laws, to prevent the immigration of negroes to this state, and to prohibit their emancipation here by their owners, on any terms."

Mr. Witt moved the previous question; the question was taken, and decided in the negative.

Mr. Mason moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table and that two hundred copies of the resolution and amendment, with the laws of the state relating to people of color, be printed for the use of the convention.

Mr. Kitchell moved that the motion of Mr. Mason to lay on the table and print be laid upon the table.

Mr. Worcester called for a division so as to first take the question on laying the motion to print on the table.

The question was then taken on laying the part of Mr. Mason's motion which relates to printing on the table, and decided in the affirmative.

The question was then taken on laying the remainder of Mr. Mason's motion on the table, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion,

The convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The convention met.

The question pending at the adjournment this morning was upon agreeing to the amendment proposed this morning by Mr. Thornton to the resolution offered on yesterday by Mr. Bond.

Mr. Moffett moved to amend the proposed substitute by adding thereto the following:

“Provided, That such provision shall be left to the people to vote on separately, and not endanger the other portions of the constitution.

Mr. Powers moved the indefinite postponement of the whole subject.

Mr. Vance moved the previous question.

Mr. Witt moved that the whole subject be laid on the table.

Mr. Singleton moved that the convention adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The question was taken, and decided in the negative.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, on laying the whole subject on the table,

And decided in the affirmative, {Yeas, 80
{Nays, 55

Those voting in the affirmative, are,

Mr. Adams
Anderson
Armstrong
Blair
Ballingall
Brown
Canady
Carter
Choate
Cross of Winnebago

Mr. Cloud
Church
Churchill
Dale
Davis of McLean
Dawson
Deitz
Dummer
Dunlap
Dunn

Mr. Edwards of Madison
Edwards of Sangamon
Eccles
Frick
Graham
Green of Tazewell
Gregg
Grimshaw
Harding
Harlan

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| Mr. Harper | Mr. Lander | Mr. Powers |
| Harvey | Laughlin | Stadden |
| Hatch | Logan | Swan |
| Hawley | McClure | Sharpe |
| Hay | McHatton | Spencer |
| Henderson | Marshall of Coles | Servant |
| Hill | Marshall of Mason | Sibley |
| Hurlbut] | Mason | Smith of Macon |
| Huston | Miller | Trower |
| Jackson | Minshall | Turnbull |
| Jones | Moore | Turner |
| Knapp of Jersey | Nichols | Tuttle |
| Knapp of Scott | Norton | Vance |
| Kenner | Palmer of Macoupin | Wead |
| Kinney of Bureau | Palmer of Marshall | Webber |
| Kitchell | Pratt | Williams |
| Knowlton | Pinckney | Worcester. |

Those voting in the negative, are,

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| Mr. Akin | Mr. Hogue | Mr. Robbins |
| Allen | Hunsaker | Robinson |
| Atherton | James | Roman |
| Blakely | Jenkins | Rountree |
| Brockman | Kinney of St. Clair | Scates |
| Bond | Lasater | Shields |
| Bunsen | Lemon | Sim |
| Crain | Linley | Simpson |
| Campbell of McDonough | Loudon | Singleton |
| F. S. Casey | McCallen | Smith of Gallatin |
| Z. Casey | McCully | Shumway |
| Constable | Manly | Thornton |
| Davis of Montgomery | Mieure | Tutt |
| Davis of Massac | Moffett | Vernor |
| Edmonson | Morris | West |
| Evey | Oliver | Witt |
| Geddes | Pace | Whiteside |
| Hawley | Rives | Woodson. |
| Hayes | | |

On motion of Mr. Logan,

Resolved, That Mrs. Brown and daughters be permitted to use the senate chamber, on Saturday evening next, for the purpose of giving a concert to the citizens and strangers in Springfield.

On motion,

The convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1847.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Palmer of Marshall.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Singleton presented the following petition and resolutions, which he read in his place.

"The undersigned, *free citizens* of the state of Illinois, humbly complaining, represent, that the action of your honorable body, upon the subject of the introduction of free persons of color, to the state of Illinois, is not, in the opinion of your petitioners, expressive of the will, or promo-

tive of the interest of the people of this state; but upon the contrary, has stifled their voices, is calculated to degrade and debase their character abroad, impair their interest, and lessen their respect for each other at home, and is, in effect, an invitation to a horde of ruthless vagabonds—the pest of southern states, and promised curse of this—to come within our borders, where they shall have full protection and aid in the completion of a subterranean under-ground railway, constructed to despoil our neighbors of their property.

“The premises considered, and inasmuch as your petitioners for themselves have no remedy against the evils to which they are exposed, except in a convention of the people, where matters of this sort are strictly cognizable, your petitioners, therefore, most respectfully request that your honorable body will adopt the resolutions hereto annexed, as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

“*Resolved*, That the introduction of free persons of color into the state of Illinois, is a growing evil and ought to be prohibited.

“*Resolved*, That a select committee consisting of _____ be appointed by the chair, to prepare and report to this convention a provision to be inserted in the amended constitution, which will of itself confer sufficient power to enable the people of this state to protect themselves against the evils of such a migration or introduction, and against all interference by the inhabitants of this state with the slave property of our sister states and territories, within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States.

“*Resolved*, That said provision reported as aforesaid be submitted to the people for their ratification as a separate and distinct provision, and if a majority of all the votes polled for the said constitution be not against it, it shall be a part of said constitution.

(Signed) H. J. GRIMSLEY, with five others.”

On motion of Mr. Logan,

The petition and resolutions were referred to the committee on the Bill of Rights.

Mr. Campbell of Jo Daviess asked to be excused from further service on the committee on Education.

After remarks by many gentlemen, members of the committee and others, all tending to dissuade Mr. Campbell from that desire, and to continue his position on that committee, he withdrew the application.

Mr. Edwards of Madison asked to be excused from further service on the committee on Education.

Mr. Churchill made the same request.

On motion,

The convention adjourned to three o'clock. P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The question pending at the adjournment was on the request of Mr. Edwards of Madison, to be excused from serving on the committee on Education.