Mr. Ferguson:—"In making this report, we seek the public good. Mr. Anderson is right in proposing caution: look well into the plan before you adopt. In regard to the conductors of the Mirror, thus far, their character and their management have been above reproach; let us place a proper estimate upon them. We often fail in our efforts, from distrust of our leaders; let us presume them honest, at heart, until they prove otherwise. A continual fear and suspicion is our bane; either let us sustain and uphold the hands of those, who, possessing ability, a generous love for, and devotion to the right, are giving themselves to labors for our good, or cease our complaints against the popular wrongs of which we are victims; cease to meet in Convention to devise plans for their removal, or elsewhere to parade our professions of anxiety to become a free and respected people."

Mr. Anderson:—"It was not my intention to impugn the motives or character of any one. I have all confidence in those gentlemen who have had control of the Mirror; what I want, is, that this Convention of the people, will decide to take the paper as their own. At present it has neither father or mother; it is an orphan; let this Convention adopt and become its foster parents, and provide for its permanent maintenance." Mr. Anderson proposed an amendment, i.e., that this Convention assume the proprietorship of the Mirror of the Times, and at once adopt measures to raise the means to carry that resolution into effect.

Mr. Collins:—"It was the expectation of the Publishing Committee when they commenced the paper, that it would, at length, come into the possession of the people."

Mr. E. A. Booth agreed with Mr. Anderson's resolution, and thought it the better way for us to become possessors of the paper, and then go to work and accomplish the details.

Mr. E. Waters:—"The information just communicated, is new to me; I did not know the originators of the paper meant it should become the property of the people through this Convention. What are we to pay? what new taxes are to be imposed upon our people? if my constituents agree with you, they will go to the bed-rock to sustain you."

Mr. Wilson called for the question on the amendment as proposed by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Townsend thought the amendment was substantially the same thing as the 1st Section proposed by Mr. Ferguson: "it is perhaps a little more definite. Now, as to the facts in regard to the Mirror, it has never yet been made to pay expenses. Established in some haste, from the conviction that such an instrument was imperatively necessary, up to the present, all the means which have been received, have been paid over to the printers. But this state of things cannot last; from the first, we have expected efficient aid from the people, whose cause it was establish to advocate.

"At the Convention last year, a Committee was created to report on the propriety of establishing a press; the Mirror is the effect of the causes, or necessities of our condition in this State as intimated in the report of that Committee; necessities which are demanding our attention more forcibly every day.

"The colored people, resident in California, must represent themselves; we wish now to know,—will you assume the Mirror? What we have done as its publishing committee, as its editors, has been done freely; we have desired and still desire to see this enterprise succeed, and are willing to do what we can to promote its success: let the people now decide what they will do with it."

Mr. Harper:—"I think the Mirror is a very important instrument; it should not be permitted to go down by any possibility. Let us not hurry over this subject. I am in favor of the 1st Section, and in order to give ourselves time for a fuller consideration of the subject, hope it will be referred again to the Committee."

Mr. W. D. Moses:—"I rejoice at this manifestation of interest in the paper. I have labored to extend its circulation, believing it was accomplishing a good work. Somewhat acquainted with its financial condition, I can testify to the correctness of Mr. Townsend's statement; that it has been expensive and sometimes burthensome to a few. The ladies of San Francisco, have lately come to the rescue: they have formed a Mirror Association, and are at..."