

Nays—Messrs. Archer, Brewer of Baltimore city, Brown, Cosgrove, Duvall, Farnandis, Ford, Goldsborough of Talbot, Hammond, Hubbard, Jamison, Nelson, Miller, Page, Perry, Peters, Rennolds, Rider, Ritchie, Spates, Starr, Stoddert, Wethered and Wilkinson—24.

When Mr. Nelson's name was called, he rose and said that he was opposed to the substitute and should vote against it, and he should do so because he was opposed to putting anything in the bill of rights that has allusion to the negro in any shape or form, as he did not consider it the proper place for it. The gentleman from Harford (Mr. Farnandis) had said that it could more properly be put in the clause of the constitution relative to the legislative department, and if this matter was suggested when that clause came under consideration, he should give it proper attention. In his opinion, the term declaration of rights was a misnomer—it should be reservation of rights. This reservation of rights which they were now proclaiming appertained to the white Caucasian race, and not to the black African race, or any other race.

Mr. Nicolai, in explanation of his vote, said that, agreeing with the gentleman from Frederick (Mr. Nelson) that the Declaration of Rights was not the proper place to put in a claim for compensation for the emancipated slaves, he should vote no.

Mr. Wethered, in explanation of his vote, remarked that the whole matter was embraced in the second section of the Declaration of Rights, where we have said that the "laws of the United States shall be the supreme law of the State." Secondly, he (Mr. W.) wanted no allusion in the Bill of Rights to the base legal fraud which has been perpetrated upon our people, and thirdly, he did not wish the word slavery, slave, or race introduced into the constitution of Maryland.

Articles 25, 26 and 27 were passed over without amendment.

Article 28 was read, as follows:

"That a well regulated militia is the proper and natural defense of a free government."

Mr. Giddings moved to amend by adding after the