

“No person shall be deemed incompetent as a witness on account of race or color, unless hereafter so declared by act of the General Assembly.”

The question was on the demand for the previous question made by Mr. Vansant.

Mr. Brewer, of Baltimore city, moved a call of the house.

Mr. Carter said if this motion was intended to follow in the wake of those which had been made yesterday, for the purpose of delaying action, he must protest against it as being beneath the dignity of the Convention.

Mr. Brewer said when any question was up affecting the legal profession the fullest limit of debate was contended for, but on an important matter like this to the people at large debate was to be choked off.

The demand for the previous question was then sustained, but the Convention refused to sustain the motion for a call of the house.

The main question was then put, being on the motion of Mr. Brewer to strike out the entire section, which was disagreed to, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Austin, Barnes, Bateman, Bennett, Bradley, Brent, Brewer of Baltimore city, Brewer of Montgomery, Buchanan, Cosgrove, Cover, Dent, Dorsey, Duvall, Emach, Goldsborough of Dorchester, Goldsborough of Talbot, Hammond, Hardcastle, Henderson, Hoblitzell, Hollday, Hubbard, Ireland, Jamison, Keating, McMaster, McPherson, Mitchell, Morris, Nelson, C. S. Parran, Perry, Peters, Rennolds, Rider, Riggs, Ritchie, Silver, Spates, Starr, Tarr of Caroline, Tarr of Worcester, Thomas, Toadvine, Watkins of Caroline, Watkins of Montgomery, Wethered and Wilkinson—49.

Nays—Messrs. Carmichael, Alvey, Archer, Bell, Brooke, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Cunningham, Denson, Devries, Dobbin, Evans, Farnandis, Feiry, Finley, Ford, French, Franklin, Galt, Garey, George, Giddings, Gill, Hall, Hayden, Horsey of Frederick, Howard, Howison, Jones, Kilbourn, Lee, Longwell, Mackubin, Morrow, Marbury, Maulsby, McCormick, McKaig, Merrick, Motter, Murray, Page, Parker, John Parran, Pleasants, Ringgold, Rogers, Syester, Vansant, Walsh and Whitman—52.