

“Provided that nothing in this article shall be so construed as to prevent the Legislature from passing all such laws for the government, regulation and disposition of the free colored population in this State as they may see fit;”

Mr. Brent, of Baltimore city, accepted the substitute.

The question then recurred and was put on the adoption of the amendment, and

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Mitchell, moved for the yeas and nays.

Mr. Blakistone, moved that the Convention adjourn,

Determined in the affirmative.

And the Convention accordingly adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 6th, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Griffith.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion of Mr. Ridgely,

The Convention resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Dorsey on the 11th ult., as chairman of the committee on the Declaration of Rights.

The question pending before the Convention being on the adoption of the 21st article as amended;

The said article was then read as amended and adopted.

The 22nd and 23rd articles were severally read and adopted.

The 24th article was then read;

Mr. Jenifer, moved to amend said article by striking out from the word “crime,” in the 2nd line to the end thereof;

Mr. Dent, moved as a substitute for said motion to strike out all of the 24th article to the word “treason,” in the 2nd line, and inserting the following in lieu thereof :

“That no conviction shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture of estate, except for;”

Mr. Merrick, moved to amend said article by striking out in the 2nd line the words “murder or;”

Determined in the affirmative