

independent county, and the inhabitants whereof shall have and enjoy all such rights, and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the other counties in this State.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Smith,

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harbine, presented a petition of sundry citizens of Washington county, praying that provision may be made in the new constitution, that the privilege to sell intoxicating liquors shall not be granted to any person in any part of the State, except the same shall first be sanctioned, or approved of by a majority of the votes in the election district where the same is to be sold;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Harbine,

Referred to committee No. 14.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee on the Legislative Department, on the 25th ultimo.

Mr. Jacobs, moved to amend said report by inserting as the 22nd section, the following :

“The present financial system of this State, shall remain inviolate until the State debt and interest thereon are fully paid; or the sinking fund be sufficient for the payment thereof, after which the Legislature shall provide by law for the annual distribution amongst the counties and city of Baltimore of this State, of the nett revenues of the several works of Internal Improvements, in the proportion which by taxation they shall have contributed to the same ;”

Which was read ;

Mr. Donaldson, moved for a division of the question upon said amendment.

Mr. Jenifer, moved to amend the 1st branch of said amendment by inserting after the words “payment thereof,” “except by an act, passed at one session, submitted to the people and re-enacted at the next succeeding session of the Legislature;”

Mr. Merrick, moved to amend the amendment offered by Mr. Jacobs, by striking out in the 2nd line, the word “inviolate,” and inserting “inviolable,” and after the word “sufficient,” in the 4th line, insert, “by its regular accumulations,” and after the words “payment thereof,” insert “by the time it becomes redeemable;”

Mr. Harbine, moved the previous question, that is :

“Shall the main question be now put ? and it was

Determined in the negative.