

pington, Stephenson, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer, Weber, Slicer, Parke, Shower and Brown—52.

So the 1st branch of the amendment was rejected.

The question was then put on the 2nd branch of said amendment, being in these words, "and when the public debt is paid, the surplus revenue derived from the Public Works of the State, after defraying the necessary expenses of the government, shall be distributed according to the mode provided by the resolution No. 47, of the General Assembly of December session, passed 1833;"

The yeas and nays being ordered appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Sellman, Weems, Bond, Sollers, Colston, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Carter, Thawley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer and Waters—30.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Donaldson, Wells, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Constable, McCullough, Miller, McCubbin, George, Wright, Thomas, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Schley, Neill, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower and Brown—39.

So the 2nd and last branch of said amendment was rejected.

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

"The Legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, and from time to time thereafter, diminish by law, the direct taxes of the State, to a minimum, equal only to pay the interest on the present State debt; and no law shall hereafter be passed to raise money by taxation with a view to the payment of any part of the principal of the State debt."

Which was read, and

Moved the previous question, and being seconded,

Mr. Jacobs, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, which were ordered,

Mr. Brewer, moved for a division of the question upon each branch of said amendment, the 1st branch being in these words,

"The Legislature shall, at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, and from time to time thereafter diminish by law, the direct taxes of the State, to minimum, equal only, to pay the interest on the present State debt;"