

Mr. Constable, moved to strike out the 21st section and substitute in lieu of it, the following :

1. The Legislature shall have no power to contract debts or borrow money except to repel invasion or suppress insurrection.

2. They shall have no power to authorise any subscription on the part of the State to the capital stock or shares of any canal, rail road, plank road, turnpike, banking, exchange, insurance, manufacturing or mining corporation, or of any other corporation or association whatsoever; nor shall they invest or embark any of the funds of the State, either directly or indirectly, in any trade, business or adventure of mining, manufacturing, commercial and marine, or of any other description whatsoever.

3. They shall not be authorised to loan the credit of the State, in any form or for any purpose whatsoever.

4. They shall have no power to appropriate money for any purpose, or to any object for which they are not authorised to raise the sum so appropriated by a general State tax.

5. They shall be authorised to impose State taxes for the following purposes, and none other whatsoever: For the defence of the State, payment of the principal and interest of the public debt, to defray the necessary expenses of the government, for the improvement and preservation of the public property, and for the establishment of a uniform system of Public Schools throughout the State, adequately endowed to educate every white child within its limits.

6. They shall have no power to except from the operation of any law, imposing a general State tax, any other property than that owned by the State, or by a county, city, or other municipal corporation and burial grounds; nor shall they by law or otherwise enter into any contract or other expedient or devise to exempt, or which shall operate as an exemption or suspension, wholly or partially of any other property, or body corporate, or of any person worth over two hundred dollars, from contribution, rateably and equally to such general tax, according to his or its actual worth in real or personal property.

Which was read.

Mr. McHenry, moved to postpone the consideration of the 21st section and the amendments until Tuesday next, the 4th of March.

Determined in the affirmative.

The 34th section was then read;

Mr. Phelps, moved to amend said section by filling the blank in said section with these words "the Levy court or commissioners of the tax as the case may be;"

Mr. Prestman, moved to strike out the 34th section.

Mr. Phelps, withdrew the amendment offered by him.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Prestman, to strike out the 34th section;