

dollars, then there shall be a preferred lien on the said property to the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the equal benefit of his or her said family;”

Which was read,

Mr. Brent, of Baltimore city, moved further to amend said amendment, by filling the blank with “five,”

Determined in the negative.

Mr. John Newcomer, moved to fill the blank with “three;”

Mr. Hicks, moved to fill the blank with “two thousand;”

Mr. Gwinn, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared as follows :

**AFFIRMATIVE**—Messrs. Chambers, of Kent, Bond, Crisfield, Hicks, Phelps, Hearn, Fooks and Gaither—8.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs. Chapman, Pres’t, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Lee, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Weems, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Ridgely, Colston, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, McLane, Sprigg, Bowling, Grason, Wright, McMaster, Jacobs, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer and Smith—49.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Weems then moved to fill the blank with “six;”

Mr. Crisfield, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays,

Mr. Fiery, moved to lay said amendment on the table;

Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, moved the question to lay on the table be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared as follows :

**AFFIRMATIVE**.—Messrs. Chapman, Pres’t, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Buchanan, Colston, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hicks, Phelps, Grason, Wright, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Gaither, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Hardcastle, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city and Ware—27.

**NEGATIVE**—Messrs. Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Lee, Weems, Bond, Merrick, Jenifer, Bell, Ridgely, Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, McLane, Bowling, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer and Smith—31.

So the Convention refused to lay the amendment on the table.

The question then recurred and was put on the motion of Mr. Weems, to fill the blank with “six,” and

Determined in the negative.