

Mr. Randall, offered as a substitute for said amendment the following:

“That the Legislature shall pass such laws as may be required to secure to the widow and infant children of deceased debtors, out of their personal estate, some provision for their support in preference to creditors;”

Which was read.

On the question being put,

“Will the Convention accept said substitute?” it was.

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Ridgely,

Mr. Ridgely, moved the previous question, and being seconded,

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, Pres’t, Blakistone, Hopewell, Lee, Weems, Bond, Bell, Ridgely, Colston, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Chambers of Cecil, Bowling, Grason, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent, of Balt. city, Sherwood, of Balt. city, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer and Smith—35.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Dent, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Merrick, Jenifer, Buchanan, Welch, Hicks, Phelps, Sprigg, Wright, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Annan, Stewart, of Balt. city and Prestman—22.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Mitchell, gave notice that on to-morrow, he should move to reconsider the amendment just adopted.

On motion of Mr. Merrick,

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o’clock.

TUESDAY, March 4th, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The roll having been called, and it being ascertained that a quorum was not present.