

The question then recurred on the adoption of the report.

Mr. Blakistone, offered as a substitute for said report, the following :

That it shall be the right and privilege of the people of this State at any general election of Delegates to vote for or against a convention, and if it shall appear that a majority of the whole number of legal voters are in favor of the calling of a Convention, the said majority to be ascertained by the largest popular vote taken in the preceding election of President of the United States, the election of Governor, or the general election of Delegates to the General Assembly, respectively, at which the largest popular vote may have been cast. Each county and the city of Baltimore to have a representation equal to the representation to which the same may be entitled in the Senate and House of Delegates at that time. That it shall be the duty of the judges of election in the several counties and city of Baltimore, to make returns thereof to the clerks of the several counties and city of Baltimore, whose duty it shall be to make return thereof to the Governor, who, upon casting up said votes, if he shall find that a majority of the whole number of legal voters, as above specified, are in favor of a convention, shall issue his proclamation proclaiming such fact. And issue a proclamation for an election of delegates to said convention in conformity to the previous provisions of this article. That such election shall take place on the same day on which elections are held for the election of delegates, but on the intermediate year, so that the session of the convention and meeting of the legislature may not happen at the same time. That the period of the meeting of such convention shall be the first Monday of January next succeeding the election of delegates to said convention. That the convention shall meet in the Hall of the House of Delegates. That the members shall be entitled to a per diem of four dollars, and the itinerancy of members of the Legislature. That they shall elect a President and such other officers as they may see fit, and fix their compensation, and adopt such rules and regulations for their government as may to them seem proper. And that it shall be the duty of the Legislature to make such provision as may be necessary to defray the expenses of such convention.

Which was read.

Mr. Brown, rose to the following point of order:

That the Convention having accepted the substitute as amended in place of the report submitted by Mr. Sollers, as chairman of the committee, it was not competent to offer a substitute for the substitute just adopted;

The Chair ruled the substitute to be out of order.

From which decision Mr. Blakistone, appealed, and afterwards withdrew said appeal.

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