

“That it shall be the duty of parents suitably to provide for and educate their children, and whenever any parent shall be unable suitably to provide for and educate his or her child or children, it shall be the duty of the State suitably to provide for and educate such child or children, and particularly indigent orphans, so that each white child in this State may be suitably provided for and educated at the public expense, when their own means or that of their parent or parents are insufficient for such purpose; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall in anywise be construed to change, alter or diminish the force and effect of the provision of this constitution in relation to the disposition of the common school fund in accordance with previous acts and resolutions of the General Assembly, and the funds arising from works of internal improvements in this State by such acts and resolutions disposed of. That it shall be the duty of the Legislature to enact such laws as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article so soon as the financial condition of the State, will in the judgment of the Legislature, justify it;”

Which was read.

Mr. Spencer moved for a division of the question on the 1st branch of said amendment, down to the word “children” inclusive, in 5th line;

Mr. Thomas, moved to lay the whole subject on the table;

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Ricaud, Lee, Sellman, Bond, Sollers, Brent of Charles, Howard, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Phelps, McLane, Spencer, George, Wright, Hearn, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent of Balt. city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Ege, Cockey and Brown—51.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, Pres’t, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Weems, Dalrymple, Buchanan, Dashiell, Eccleston, Constable, Bowie, Spiigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, McHenry, Stewart of Balt. city, Davis, Kilgour, Anderson, Smith and Shower—28.

So the whole subject was laid on the table.

Mr. Davis, then offered the following as an article in the constitution:

“Wisdom and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties, and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it