

shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods, of this State, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, to encourage private societies and public institutions, rewards and immunities, for the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures and a natural history of the country, to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings, sincerity, good humor, and all social affections and generous sentiments among the people;”

Which was read.

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

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. McHenry, moved the following as an article in the constitution:

“It shall be the duty of the Legislature at or before its second session, after the adoption of this constitution, to provide for the establishment of efficient common schools adequate to the education of every white child of this State;”

Which was read.

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

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Lee, Weems, Sollers, Howard, Bell, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Williams, Goldsborough, Constable, McLane, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Spencer, Wright, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Thawley, Ware, Schley, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer and Brown—31.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, Pres’t, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Bond, Brent of Charles, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, Dashiell, Hicks, Eccleston, Phelps, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Carter, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Balt. city, Brent of Balt. city, Sherwood of Balt. city, Fiery, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Smith and Ege—43.

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

Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, moved to amend said article by adding at the end thereof the following proviso :

“Provided the expense of such education be assessed on the several counties and the city of Baltimore, for the schools within their limits respectively.”

Mr. Gwinn moved the previous question, and being seconded;

The question recurred on the amendment as offered by Mr. Brent, of Baltimore city.