

Mr. Chambers submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out all after the word "Treasurer," in the first line of amendment, and insert the words "or any two of them, are authorized and directed to sell to the highest bidder all or such part of the stock owned by this State in any Rail Road or Canal Company, and of the debt due to this State by any Rail Road or Canal Company as can be sold or exchanged for not less than an equal amount of the present public or stock debt of this State, and to convey the interest so sold to the purchaser or purchasers thereof; and so to proceed from time to time until all such interest of the State in every such corporation shall be wholly sold and disposed of; provided, that the interest of the State in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, be reserved and exempted from such sale; and after the public debt shall have been fully paid off, or the sinking fund shall be equal to its liquidation, to create out of said proceeds a permanent fund for the support of public education;"

The question upon its adoption was decided in the negative.

Mr. Miller submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out the words "also the State's interest in any banking corporation;"

Decided in the negative.

Mr. Negley submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

"And provided further, That no corporation shall be permitted either directly or indirectly, to purchase the interest of the State in any of the public works hereby authorized to be sold, (so as to control their operations to the detriment of the public interest;)"

Decided in the negative.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment submitted by Mr. Ridgely,

Mr. Abbott demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand being sustained,

The yeas and nays were called, and appeared as follows: