

its liquidation, the excess of such sale shall be set apart as a permanent fund for the support of public education;

Provided however, That the stock held by the State in the Main Stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road shall not be sold for less than its par value in lawful money of the United States, and provided further, that the interest held by the State in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal shall not be sold for a less sum than five millions of dollars, and under such regulations as the Legislature may prescribe.

Mr. McComas, gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendment to section 39, of said Report:

Add to said section the following:

“Provided however, that prior to any of said sales having been effected, that notices of the powers conferred by this section and the amount of said interests, shall have been published at least three times in two newspapers supposed to have the largest circulation in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Liverpool, London and Paris, and that they shall receive sealed proposals for the same, for at least — months after the ratification of this Constitution by the people of the State, and reserving to themselves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals thus made.

On motion of Mr. Purnell,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that Mr. Smith, of Worcester county, is detained from his seat in the Convention by sickness in his family.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that the continued absence of Mr. Baker, of Frederick county, is caused by sickness.

The Report of the Committee on the Legislative Department was then taken up.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment as submitted by Mr. Miller, viz :

Insert as an additional section the following :

“Section —. The Legislature shall provide by law and make appropriations from the Treasury, if necessary, for the comfortable support and maintenance of such slaves manumitted by the adoption of this Constitution as may, by reason