

Is a motion to adjourn in order until that vote is taken? The house has decided that the main question shall be put, and that it will do no other business until that is done. Until the main question is put, I suggest that a motion to adjourn is not in order.

The **PRESIDENT**. The main question being ordered, brings the convention to a vote upon the main proposition and the amendments pending thereto. But it does not preclude a motion to adjourn.

The question was then taken upon the motion to adjourn, and it was rejected.

The question recurred upon the following, offered by Mr. **ABBOTT** as a substitute for the proposed section :

"Sec. —. The legislature at its first session after the adoption of this constitution shall provide a mode by which those colored persons who have been liberated from slavery by its adoption shall be registered for the purpose of receiving pro rata any money or other appropriation made by the general government or otherwise for their benefit."

The question being taken, the substitute was rejected.

The question recurred upon adopting the section, as follows :

"Sec. —. The legislature at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, shall provide a mode by which those persons who were owners of slaves under the laws of this State on the first day of January, 1861, or at the time of the adoption of this constitution, or during the intervening period, may perpetuate the evidence of the number, names, ages and sex of the slaves so owned by them respectively."

Upon this question, Mr. **JONES**, of Somerset, called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

Mr. **CLARKE** moved a call of the convention. Mr. **HEBB**. I rise to a point of order.— Rule 54 provides—

" * * * * On a motion for the previous question, and prior to the seconding of the same, a call of the convention shall be in order; but after a majority shall have seconded such motion, no call shall be in order prior to a vote on the main question," &c.

The **PRESIDENT**. The gentleman is correct. A call of the convention is not now in order.

The question was then taken upon the proposed section, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 23, nays 37—as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Blackiston, Brown, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Duvall, Edelen, Harwood, Hollyday, Horsey, Jones, of Somerset, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Parker, Parrau, Ridgely, Smith, of Carroll, Stockbridge, Thomas, Todd—23.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Barron, Belt, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, Markey,

McComas, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Sneary, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Valliant, Wood—37.

The section was accordingly rejected.

Mr. **THOMAS**, when his name was called, said :

I desire to say that in order to be consistent with the vote which I gave yesterday in favor of the proposition of my colleague (Mr. Stirling,) I shall vote as I voted this morning upon this proposition I vote "a ye."

On motion of Mr. **SWOPE**—

The convention then took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names :

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Belt, Berry, of Prince George's, Blackiston, Brown, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parrau, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Todd, Wooden—54.

The **PRESIDENT** laid before the convention the following communication from the treasurer of the State, which was read and ordered to be printed in the Journal.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Annapolis, July 27th, 1864.

To the Honorable the President of the Convention :

In obedience to an order passed by your honorable body, I have the honor of submitting the enclosed answers.

It will be observed that the 2nd and 6th inquiry being so nearly the same are answered in one. The 7th is omitted for the present, as it requires a great deal of labor and time to answer it correctly. I would most respectfully suggest to the convention, that if it be desirable to have the information asked for in the 7th inquiry very soon, that it might be advisable to direct one of the clerks to the convention to furnish it, and thereby relieve my clerk from the duty.

The 10th inquiry I can give no better answer than to call the attention of your honorable body to page 13, statement I, of the comptroller's report, 1863, of the State's capital and credits, all of which is most respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,

Very truly yours,

R. FOWLER,

Treasurer of Maryland.