

and choose their masters too, and they do it with the hope of affording the child that sort of education, and teaching him that sort of handicraft, which will make him a good citizen in the future. I am perfectly willing to guard the master; but I think that fairness and justice require us to go no further than the proposition I offer. And I hope the majority of this house, who have hitherto borne the heat and the burden of the day in this struggle for emancipation, are not going to mar their work. I hope they will not go beyond what is fair and right. I know that the sun has its spots; and this constitution—

(At this moment the hammer fell.)

Mr. SPOPE moved the previous question.

Mr. CHAMBERS demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken upon sustaining the demand for the previous question, the result was—yeas 33, nays 36—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Belt, Bond, Brooks, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Wash'gton, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Keefer, Kennard, King, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Pugh, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Swope, Sykes, Wickard, Wooden—33.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Crawford, Daniel, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Hodson, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Parker, Parran, Peter, Purnell, Smith, of Dorchester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Thomas, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wilmer—36.

The call for the previous question therefore was not sustained.

Mr. McCOMAS moved to reconsider the vote last taken.

Mr. MILLER and Mr. AUDOUN seconded the motion.

Mr. KENNARD. Is that motion in order?

Mr. HEBB. I rise to a question of order.—

The object of moving the previous question is to ascertain whether the house is ready to take a vote on the question. If the question had been decided affirmatively there would have been some propriety in it.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Daniel.) It is the decision of the chair that any vote of the house can be reconsidered. A conclusion in the negative is as much a conclusion as if it were in the affirmative. The motion to reconsider is in order.

Mr. WOODEN demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken upon reconsideration, the result was—yeas 45, nays 23—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Bond, Briscoe, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Wash'g'n, Duval, Edelen,

Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Henkle, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, McComas, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—45.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Billingsley, Blackiston, Brooks, Daniel, Dellinger, Dent, Farrow, Hodson, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Morgan, Parker, Purnell, Sands, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stockbridge, Todd, Turner, Wilmer—23.

The motion to reconsider accordingly prevailed.

The question recurring upon sustaining the call for the previous question, the call was sustained.

The question recurred on the adoption of the amendment submitted by Mr. STOCKBRIDGE to the section submitted by Mr. TODD.

Mr. MORGAN demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 31, nays 39—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Brooks, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Greene, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, McComas, Murray, Nyman, Pugh, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Wickard—31.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, Pres't.; Belt, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Chambers, Crawford, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Galloway, Henkle, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Horsey, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Parker, Parran, Peter, Purnell, Ridgely, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Swope, Todd, Turner, Valliant, Wilmer, Wooden—39.

When their names were called,

Mr. NEGLEY said: If I could see any practical mode of carrying this amendment into effect, I should vote for it; but under the existing state of society, or the state of society that will be introduced by the liberation of the negroes for the next five or ten years, I see the utter impossibility of carrying this thing out. It must go over to the legislature. The legislature will have control over it. I therefore vote "no."

Mr. THOMAS said: While I am opposed, for the reasons given by me on a former occasion, to the free negroes emancipated by this constitution, from being educated by the general school system of the State, still, if this proposition is to be carried in relation to negro apprenticeship, I am in favor of these negro apprentices being educated by their masters. I therefore vote "aye."

Mr. VALLIANT said: I am in favor of the