

to which can be added what is proposed to be inserted in place of that which is stricken out.

Mr. CLARKE. I find upon page 105 of the Journal the following entry :

“ Mr. Scott submitted the following amendment :

“ Article 14, strike out all between the word ‘that’ in the first line, and the word ‘every’ in the third line.

“ Mr. Daniel submitted the following amendment to said amendment.”

And the amendment of the gentleman from Baltimore city, (Mr. Daniel,) is set forth at large. The amendment to the amendment was rejected, then the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Greene,) submitted an amendment to the amendment of the gentleman from Cecil, (Mr. Scott,) which, on page 109 of the Journal, was adopted in lieu of Mr. Scott’s proposition, and which was then finally disposed of.

The PRESIDENT. Not until the House had taken action upon the original proposition to amend as amended, the adoption of an amendment to the amendment did not supersede the necessity of taking a vote upon the amendment as amended.

Mr. NEGLEY. My recollection of the matter is precisely in accordance with that of the Chair. The gentleman from Cecil, (Mr. Scott,) submitted an amendment to this 14th article. To that were offered sundry amendments, which were severally voted down, until the amendment of the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Greene,) was offered, which was adopted by the House.

The PRESIDENT. And the question then was upon the adoption of the amendment as amended.

Mr. NEGLEY. Yes sir. And the gentleman from Baltimore city, (Mr. Stirling,) submitted his amendment which being adopted, took the place of the amendment of the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Greene,) and itself become an amendment to the amendment originally proposed by the gentleman from Cecil, (Mr. Scott.) The amendment of the gentleman from Baltimore city having been reconsidered and withdrawn from the position it occupied as an amendment to the one offered by the gentleman from Cecil, the amendment of the gentleman from Cecil came up for the action of the House, and the gentleman from Harford proposes to amend the amendment of the gentleman from Cecil by the amendment which has been read.

Mr. STIRLING. I do not understand how an amendment to strike out two lines can be amended by a proposition to strike out the whole article. Suppose a member moves to strike out the words “General Assembly,” and another moves to strike out the entire article, and substitute something else in place of it. The one is evidently not an amendment to the other.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman is correct,

but the Chair did not feel inclined to decide that point, unless called upon by the House to do so, but left the House to determine whether they could receive it as an amendment to an amendment.

Mr. BELT. I take it the object of the gentleman from Cecil, (Mr. Scott,) in offering his amendment was to strike from the article as reported by the committee that portion prohibiting the levying of taxes by the poll. Now the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Greene,) offered an amendment which was adopted, but not adopted as the article but only adopted *quoad* as the amendment. The gentleman from Baltimore City, (Mr. Stirling,) then moved still further to amend, by substituting his proposition in the place of that, which was agreed to. When the Convention resumed the consideration of the subject this morning, the position of affairs was this; the House had agreed to the proposition of the gentleman from Baltimore city as an amendment, and the question was, Shall this article as amended be passed? The House has permitted the gentleman from Baltimore city to withdraw his amendment, and I contend that the consequence of that withdrawal was to restore the question exactly as it stood when the vote was announced upon the adoption of the proposition of the gentleman from Allegany; and the question is—Shall the article, as amended upon the motion of the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Greene,) be passed?

The PRESIDENT; In that case how is the amendment originally offered by the gentleman from Cecil, (Mr. Scott,) to be disposed of?

Mr. BERRY, of Baltimore county. Does the Chair refer to the original amendment submitted by Mr. Scott, on page 105 of the Journal?

The PRESIDENT. Yes, sir.

Mr. BERRY, of Baltimore county. I would like to have the manuscript Journal read, for I understand that that shows that the amendment of the gentleman from Cecil was withdrawn.

The PRESIDENT. If it was withdrawn it would have carried the proposition of the gentleman from Baltimore City, (Mr. Stirling,) with it.

Mr. SCOTT. How would the question stand if I withdraw my amendment?

The PRESIDENT. The amendment of the gentleman from Cecil, (Mr. Scott,) being the original amendment, and all the rest but amendments to that amendment, if it be now withdrawn, all the other amendments go with it, and the question is left upon the article as originally reported by the Committee.

Mr. HEBB. I have moved to amend the Journal so that it will read that the amendment of the gentleman from Cecil was withdrawn.

Mr. BERRY, of Baltimore county. I second the motion.