

mestics, who are attached to me and my family. I have no doubt—

Mr. DANIEL. I feel constrained to rise to a question of order. The time of the gentleman under the rule has expired. I would willingly give the gentleman as much time as has been accorded to others. But others have been restricted to the half hour.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I renew the motion to give the gentleman ten minutes.

Mr. EDELEN. I hope my friend from Somerset (Mr. Jones) will withdraw that motion.

Mr. SANDS. I would remark that I feel it my duty to vote against any such motion, for this reason. And I think my friends on the other side must do me the justice to say that I have voted and acted with them to put them upon a footing of exact equality with the majority in this house. I voted with them upon the ground of principle, because I thought it was right to do so. But I do not think it right in the minority to ask of the majority more than they ask for themselves. I am willing to give to the minority of this house every privilege that the majority take to themselves. Let us be then upon a footing of perfect equality in this matter. I hope gentlemen will not force us to vote against propositions of this sort. I want us all to occupy a footing of exact equality. I shall vote against the extension of time, because if it is extended in one case, it will go all around the house, and this discussion will be endless. Let our men be tied down to the rule, and let the other side live up to it.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. Upon this question, in which the constituents I represent have a peculiar interest, I must say that I shall consider any restriction upon my being allowed to discuss all the questions that are connected with compensation for the slaves they may own, as an act of injustice to them.

The question was upon the motion of Mr. JONES, of Somerset, to extend the time of Mr. EDELEN ten minutes.

Mr. CHAMBERS called for the yeas and nays upon this question, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken by yeas and nays (Mr. EDELEN being excused from voting,) and resulted—yeas 13, nays 38—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bond, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Dent, Duvall, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Parran, Peter—13.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Kennard, King, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nymman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wooden—38.

The motion to extend the time was accordingly rejected.

Mr. DUVALL moved that the convention adjourn.

The question being taken, the motion to adjourn was not agreed to.

The question recurred upon the amendment submitted by Mr. BROWN to section forty.

Mr. AUDOUN. As there seems to be a desire upon the opposite side of the house to bring the labors of this convention this evening to a close, I feel very anxious myself to aid them. But I do not feel willing to leave this hall to-night until we dispose of this question of compensation. I therefore call for the previous question.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I trust the gentleman will not press the previous question upon us now. There are amendments that ought to be offered to this section. I have one here which I desire to offer. Gentlemen are going too hastily in this matter, upon a matter of this importance. There are persons in this State who have for ten or twelve years past been at an expense of thirty or forty dollars a year, raising these children that you are now going to set free, paying taxes to the State on them all the time. I desire to offer an amendment that the State shall at least repay the taxes they have received on them.

The call for the previous question was seconded.

The question was: "Shall the main question be now put?"

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

The question being then taken, by yeas and nays, it resulted—yeas 35, nays 16—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Kennard, King, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nymman, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Schley, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wooden—35.

Nays—Messrs. Bond, Brown, Clarke, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Negley, Parker, Parran, Peter, Sands—16.

The main question was accordingly ordered.

The question recurred upon agreeing to the amendment submitted by Mr. BROWN, as follows:

Add to section forty the following:
"But shall by law, at the expense of the State, provide for the support and maintenance of such slaves, so declared to be emancipated, as may be unable to support themselves."

The question being then taken, the amendment was rejected.