

"Provided that all slaves who, at the time that this Constitution shall go into effect, shall be manumitted thereby, and shall be minors, shall be thenceforth in the condition of negro apprentices, under the law of this State, to their owner; males until they shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and females until they shall arrive at the age of eighteen years."

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

The question being then taken, by yeas and nays, it resulted—yeas 15, nays 35—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Bond, Clarke, Cunningham, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Parran, Peter, Sykes—15.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Kennard, King, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wooden—35.

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

Pending the call of the yeas and nays, the following explanations were made by members as their names were called:

Mr. DANIEL. I am not opposed to the principle embraced in either of these propositions. But as I think this matter is altogether within the power and jurisdiction of the legislature now, both to make necessary provision for those called decrepid, as well as to bind out the minors that come within the provision of the law, I shall vote "no."

Mr. NEGLEY. For precisely the same reason assigned by the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Daniel,) I shall vote "no."

Mr. SANDS. Because I believe the legislature entirely competent to act in this matter, and because I do not want to see any apprenticeship system adopted in the constitution of Maryland, I shall vote "no."

Mr. TODD. I shall feel compelled to vote in the negative upon these two propositions as they now stand together; partly for the reasons already by gentlemen, but more particularly because the matter in the present shape does not suit me. I am in favor of the apprenticeship by the orphans' courts of emancipated negroes who are minors to their masters, with discretion and authority, where those masters are humane. At the proper time, when the judiciary report comes up, I shall offer an amendment to it to that effect. I therefore vote "no."

Mr. DENT moved that the convention do now adjourn.

Upon this question, Mr. PUGH called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and

nays, and resulted—yeas 24, nays 26—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Bond, Clarke, Cunningham, Daniel, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Galloway, Hoffman, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, King, Lee, Markey, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Parker, Parran, Peter, Russell, Swope, Thomas, Todd—24.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Cushing, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Kennard, McComas, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Sands, Schley, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Valliant, Wooden—26.

The motion to adjourn was accordingly rejected.

Pending the call of the yeas and nays, the following explanations were made by members as their names were called:

Mr. SANDS. I had intended to vote in the affirmative upon this motion to adjourn; but after the vote of my venerable colleague (Mr. Hopkins,) I am ashamed to do so. I therefore vote "no."

Mr. VALLIANT. I have to say in explanation of my vote, that I remained in town to-night for the purpose of assisting in the settlement of this question, and I intend to vote against all propositions to adjourn until this question is settled. And if the majority of this house will consent to remain here until four o'clock to-morrow morning, I will consent to remain here with them. I vote "no."

The question recurred upon adopting the following additional section submitted by Mr. MILLER:

"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 of age or other cause, be unable to support and maintain themselves."

Upon this question Mr. MILLER asked for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being then taken by yeas and nays, it resulted—yeas 11, nays 38—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Clarke, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Parran, Peter—11.

*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, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wooden—38.

Not a quorum voting.

Mr. AUDOUN moved a call of the convention, which was ordered.