

regards the rights and relations between master and slave,) and only to be binding in case said constitution shall afterwards be approved of by a direct vote of a majority of the legal voters of the State.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That whenever such convention shall be called, each county in this State, and the city of Baltimore, shall respectively be entitled to as many representatives in said convention as the whole number of members of such county or city, in both branches of the State Legislature.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That with a view to ascertain the sentiments of the people of this State, and the expression of their will upon this question, it is hereby recommended to the legal voters of this State, that at the time and places of holding the general election on the 1st Wednesday in October next ensuing, after the passage of this act, every person entitled by law to vote for delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland, do also vote with reference to the question proposed by this act, by plainly expressing in writing or in printed form, on a separate ballot, the words "For a Convention," or the words "Against a Convention," as the case may be; which ballot shall be received by the judges of election, and deposited in a separate box, to be provided for that purpose.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several judges of election in this State, to receive, accurately count, and duly return all such ballots in reference to said convention, in the same manner as they receive, count and return the ballots for members of the House of Delegates of this State; and the laws regulating elections and returns for members of the House of Delegates, shall regulate, govern and apply to the vote recommended to be taken by the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the next Legislature, after having been published for three months previous to the next election for Delegates to the General Assembly, then so much of the 59th article of the existing constitution and form of government, as is not specially applicable to the Eastern Shore, be and the same is hereby repealed and abolished.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1840.

The house met. Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Welch of K., Owens, Estep, Welch of B., Stansbury, Holmes, Colston, Winder, Frazier, Maccubbin, Welch of A., Wilmer, Hearn, Biser, Giles, Graves, Newcomer, Keppler, Waters, Berry, Crabbs, Bramwell, Mr. Speaker.