according to their white population, and the other half to be divided into twenty parts, allowing one to each of the counties in existence in 1833, and one to the city of Baltimore.

It seemed to him that if such distribution were ever to occur, it should be made in the same proportion in which the fund was contributed. He would refer to the table marked [statement G.] in the Treasurer's report of 1849. The amount of the whole yearly levy for the State was $477,276—and of this Baltimore city contributed $175,762, or more than one-third of the gross amount of the whole revenue. Now with what reason is it urged, that Baltimore should, after making contribution of a fund, which was not required by the necessity of the case, receive back only eleven-twentieths of what it had paid, and not the whole sum which it contributed. The same injustice would result to the counties relatively also. Why should Frederick county, which pays eight times as much as Calvert, receive back only one-half of its contribution—and one-twentieth of the gross sum—when it has contributed in a far different proportion. It was certainly an extraordinary idea, and though it might work to the advantage of the small counties, it could not be supposed that they would obtain this benefit by injustice to the larger counties and to the city of Baltimore.

The question was taken and resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't., Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Sellman, Weems, Bond, Sollers, Colston, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Carter, Thawley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer, and Waters—30.

Negative—Messrs. Donaldson, Wells, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Constable, Miller, McCubbin, George, Wright, Thomas, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Schley, Neill, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower and Brown—39.

So the seeond branch of the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jacobs. I have one other proposition which I desire to submit. And I move the previous question on its adoption.

The amendment was read as follows:

"The Legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, and from time to time thereafter, diminish by law, the direct taxes of the State, to a minimum, equal only to pay the interest on the present State debt; and no law shall hereafter be passed to raise money by taxation with a view to the payment of any part of the principal of the State debt."

There was a second to the demand for the previous question.

And the main question was ordered to be now taken.

Mr. Jacobs asked the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

Mr. Brewer called for a division of the question, which was ordered.

And the question was taken on the first branch of the amendment as follows:

"The Legislature shall, at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, and from time to time thereafter diminish by law, the direct taxes of the State, to a minimum, equal only, to pay the interest on the present State debt."

And the question having been taken, the result was as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Weems, Bond, Constable, Miller, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Thawley, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Parke, and Shower—12.

Negative—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't., Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Wells, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, McCubbin, Grason, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Carter, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Slicer, and Fitzpatrick—54.

So the first branch of the amendment was rejected.

The question was then put on the second branch of said amendment being in these words "and no law shall hereafter be passed to raise money by taxation, with a view to the payment of any part of the principal of the State debt."

Mr. Jacobs asked to withdraw the last branch of said amendment, but the Chair stated, that the yeas and nays having been commenced being taken by the Clerk, the Convention must proceed in taking the vote.

And the question was taken and resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Mr. Fooks—1.

Negative—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Wells, Sellman, Weems, Sollers, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, Miller, McCubbin, Grason, George, Wright, McMaster, Hearn, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Balt. city, Presstman, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, and Brown—66.

So the second branch of the amendment was rejected.

The twenty-second section of the report was then read, and, no amendment having been offered, was adopted as follows: