

So the Convention refused to strike out.

Mr. GRASON demanded the previous question.

There was a second.

Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER. Is my amendment now in order?

The PRESIDENT. It is not. No motion is in order pending the demand for the previous question.

There was a second;

And the main question was ordered to be now taken.

The question was then stated to be on the amendment of Mr. RIDGELY, adding at the end of his own proposition the words, "not exceeding in value the sum of five hundred dollars."

Mr. HEARN, (to the President.) Is it in order now to move that the subject-matter be laid upon the table?

The PRESIDENT. It is in order.

Mr. HEARN. I make the motion.

The question was taken, and

The Convention decided that the subject-matter should not be laid upon the table.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. RIDGELY.

Mr. DORSEY asked the yeas and nays,

Which were ordered, and

Being taken, resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Weems, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Colston, Dashiell, Constable, Chambers of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Sprigg, Grason, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Hollyday, Cockey and Brown—40.

Negative—Messrs. Chapman, President, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Merrick, Jenifer, Hicks, Wright, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Thawley, Hardcastle, Stewart of Baltimore city, Presstman, Slicer, Smith and Shower—21.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the article as thus amended.

Mr. MITCHELL, (to the Chair.) Is not an amendment in order?

The PRESIDENT. It is not. The previous question is yet in operation.

Mr. PRESTMAN. Is the vote we are about to take, the final vote?

The PRESIDENT. Certainly.

Mr. PRESTMAN. Is it not competent for me to move to strike out the article adopted yesterday, and which now comes up as an original proposition, and to move to insert, in lieu thereof, another proposition.

The PRESIDENT. It is not in order. If the gentleman will refer to the seventeenth and eighteenth rules, he will see that the point is very plain.

Mr. PRESTMAN. I should like to hear the rules read.

Some conversation followed on the point of order.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment as amended.

Mr. BOWIE asked the yeas and nays,

Which were ordered,

And being taken, were as follows:

Affirmative.—Messrs. Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Weems, Bond, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Colston, Dashiell Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Bowie, Sprigg, Grason, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Hollyday, Cockey and Brown—39.

Negative.—Messrs. Chapman, President, Dent, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Merrick, Jenifer, Hicks, Wright, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Thawley, Hardcastle, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Presstman, Slicer and Smith—21.

So the article, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. HICKS. I now give notice that at a convenient and proper time, I shall move to reconsider the vote just taken, for the purpose of offering an amendment which I suppose it will not be improper for me to read. I indicate this intention because we are here taking away the means and the money of private individuals. That we have a right to use the public money of the State, I do not controvert; but that we have the right to say what portion of any man's money shall be taken from him by force of arms, (for it is too tantamount to that,) is a proposition to which I cannot subscribe. Whilst we are at work on this matter, I think it would be better that we should work understandingly and safely, as discreet and reasonable men should act.

Mr. H. then gave notice that, if the motion hereafter to be made to reconsider the vote, should prevail, he would offer the following proposition:

"And that any man who may hereafter die or become insolvent, in this State, leaving an estate less than five hundred dollars, in every such case, the sum of five hundred dollars shall be provided by the Legislature for the support of his family."

THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Convention passed to the orders of the day, and resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the Legislative Department.

The Convention passed to the consideration of the twenty-first section, (postponed until this day.)

The question before the Convention was on the amendment offered by Mr. Merrick on Friday the 28th ult., to come in at the end of said section, as follows:

"But it shall be competent for the Legislature, at any time when it can do so, to pay off its outstanding bonds or any part thereof, by an issue of other bonds or stocks bearing a less rate of interest and for no greater amount than the amount redeemed or paid off."

Mr. MERRICK said he had promised the Convention when he presented the amendment that