

Convention shall meet in the Hall of the House of Delegates. That the members shall be entitled to a per diem of four dollars, and the itinerancy of members of the Legislature. That they shall elect a President and such other officers as they may see fit, and fix their compensation, and adopt such rules and regulations for their government as may to them seem proper. And that it shall be the duty of the Legislature to make such provision as may be necessary to defray the expenses of such Convention."

Mr. BROWN rose to the following point of order.

That the Convention having accepted the substitute as amended, in place of the report submitted by Mr. SOLLERS, as chairman of the committee, it was not competent to offer a substitute for the substitute just adopted.

The CHAIR ruled the substitute to be out of order.

After some discussion in which Messrs. BLAKISTONE and BOWIE participated—when

Mr. BLAKISTONE appealed from the decision of the Chair;

But after some debate, in which Messrs. DONALDSON, BLAKISTONE and SPENCER participated, Mr. BLAKISTONE withdrew his appeal.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the report.

Mr. SHRIVER demanded the yeas and nays, which being ordered and taken,

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs Donaldson, Randall, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Ridgely, Dickinson, Eccleston, McCullough, Spencer, George, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Shower, Cockey and Brown—42.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Wells, Sellman, Sollers, Brent of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Hicks, Goldsborough, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Davis and Kilgour.—27.

So the report was adopted.

Mr. BLAKISTONE then moved to amend the report by adding at the end thereof as an additional section the amendment previously offered by him as a substitute for the report, and which was ruled by the Chair to be out of order.

Mr. B demanded the yeas and nays,

Which being ordered and taken,

Resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Sollers, Brent of Charles, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Bowie, Sprigg, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Davis and Kilgour—19.

*Negative*—Messrs. Ricaud, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Ridgely Dickinson, Goldsborough, Ec-

leston, McCullough, Spencer, George, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Gwinn, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Brewer, Michael Newcomer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Shower, Cockey and Brown—46.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. DONALDSON then moved to amend the report by adding at the end thereof as an additional section the following:

"Any amendment to the Constitution and Declaration of Rights may be proposed in either the Senate or House of Delegates, and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the legislature, the proposed amendment shall be entered on their Journal, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and shall be published at least three months before the next general election for members of the House of Delegates; at which general election the people shall vote for or against said amendment, in such manner as may be prescribed by law; and if the majority of legal voters of the State shall approve of the said amendment, then it shall be the duty of the legislature at its next session to enact said amendment as a part of their Constitution."

Mr. SOLLERS offered as a substitute for the amendment, the following:

"And also, that this form of government and the declaration of rights, and any part thereof may be altered, changed or abolished, by the passage of a bill by the General Assembly, so to alter, change or abolish the same; provided, such bills shall be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly, after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election."

2nd. That a Convention to alter, change and abolish this form of government and the declaration of rights, may be called by the passage of a bill for that purpose; provided, such bill be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election."

After a few desultory remarks from Messrs. RANDALL SPENCER, JENIFER and BOWIE—

Mr. STEPHENSON moved to amend the amendment offered by Mr. DONALDSON, by adding at the end thereof, the following proviso:

"Provided, That if more than one amendment be submitted, they shall be submitted in such manner and form, that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately and distinctly."

Which amendment Mr. DONALDSON accepted.

Mr. SPENCER explained, what he understood to be the effect of the amendment of the gentleman from Anne Arundel, [Mr. Donaldson.] and then said, if for example, the majority of the Convention were to submit the question of abolishing slavery in the State of Maryland to the citizens thereof, they would have a right to act upon it, and if they decided in favor of it, it