

christianity, and that profane legislation had nothing to do with it. There were two immediate evils to result from the provision. It would tend to make every infidel who desired office a hypocrite; and every man who did not believe in the christian religion would vote against the Constitution.

Mr. BRENT of Baltimore city, moved the previous question, and being seconded, by a vote of 39 to 29,

The question was stated on the adoption of the amendment as proposed by Mr. CHAMBERS of Kent.

Mr. RANDALL moved for a division of the question, which was put upon striking out,

Mr. BRENT of Baltimore city, moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays, which being ordered, appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't., Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Sollers, Brent of Charles, Bell, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Phelps, Miller, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Sappington, Stephenson, Carter, Hardcastle, Fiery, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—47.

*Negative*—Messrs. Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood, Talbot, Eccleston, McCullough, McLane, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, John Newcomer, Harbine, Brewer, Anderson, Hollyday, Parke, Ege, Shower, Cockey and Brown—47.

So the Convention agreed to strike out.

The question then recurred and was taken on the adoption of the article as offered by Mr. CHAMBERS of Kent; and

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. PARKE,

The preamble to the report of the Declaration of Rights was amended by inserting after the word "Maryland," first line, these words "grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty." and

Mr. PARKE, moved further to amend the preamble by striking out in the third line the words "best means," and inserting in lieu thereof "propriety,"

Determined in the negative.

Mr. FOOKS moved that the Convention reconsider their vote on the 14th article of said report, for the purpose of enabling him to move to strike out from the beginning of said article to the word "State," in the second line, and insert "that capital punishment ought to be abolished;"

Determined in the negative.

Mr. PARKE moved to reconsider the first article of the report for the purpose of amendment.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. JOHN DENNIS presented a petition of sundry citizens of Somerset county, praying for a modification of the license law.

Which was read, and

Referred to the select committee appointed on that subject.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the day, being the propositions relative to districting the city of Baltimore, and the several counties of the State.

The question pending being on the motion of Mr. CHAMBERS of Kent, to reconsider the vote of the Convention, striking out the amendment offered by him, which was as follows:

"The Legislature at its first session, shall pass such laws as may be necessary to lay off the city of Baltimore, into ten districts, to be composed of compact contiguous wards, and as nearly as may be of equal population."

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

The Convention was called, and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members:

On motion of Mr. TUCK,

The Convention resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. TUCK,

The Convention reconsidered the thirtieth article of the report of the Declaration of Rights;

On motion of Mr. TUCK,

The article was amended by striking out in the third line, the words "Chancellor and;" also by striking out from the word "address" in the seventh line to the word "or" inclusive, in the tenth line.

The article was then adopted as amended.

On motion of Mr. TUCK,

The forty first article was amended by striking out in the first line from the words "that this" down to the word "ought" inclusive in the third line, and inserting "Constitution shall;" also by striking out in the same line the words "but in such" and inserting "except in the;" and by striking out the words "as this Convention shall prescribe and direct," and inserting the words "therein directed."

The report having been read through, was adopted as amended.

Mr. TUCK moved that it be recommitted to the committee on Revision, for the purpose of being engrossed.

Determined in the affirmative.

The doorkeeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order he had notified the absent members, that their attendance in the Convention was required.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the proposition relative to districting the city of Baltimore, and the several counties of the State.

The question pending being on the motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, to reconsider the vote of the Convention striking out the amendment offered by him.

Some debate ensued upon the extent to which this motion would bring the question before the Convention.

Mr. THOMAS moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows: