

am entirely indifferent whether I do so at this time or this evening.

Mr. SMITH, of Worcester, asked and obtained leave of absence from the Convention for a few days.

Mr. BILLINGSLEY: I think it would be manifest injustice to the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stockbridge) to compel him to make a speech at this time.

Mr. CHAMBERS moved that the Convention do now adjourn.

Upon this question Mr. SANDS called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question being then taken by yeas and nays, it resulted yeas 34, nays 41, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Barron, Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Duvall, Davis, of Charles, Earle, Gale, Harwood, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, King, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Nyman, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Smith, of Dorchester, Stockbridge, Thomas and Turner—34.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, Larsh, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parker, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Sykes, Thruston, Wickard and Wooden—41.

The Convention accordingly refused to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. THOMAS, The Convention then took a recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 8 o'clock P. M.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names;

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Berry, of Baltimore county, Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lee, Marbury, McComas, Mitchell, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Turner, Wooden—59.

Mr. HESS submitted the following order:

Ordered, That debate on the 23d Article of the Bill of Rights shall be closed to-morrow at 2 o'clock P. M., when the vote shall be taken on the pending amendment, and the article under consideration.

Mr. THOMAS submitted the following amendment:

Strike out the word "to-morrow," and insert the words "on Saturday next."

The question was upon agreeing to the amendment.

Upon this question Mr. SANDS called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question was then taken by yeas and nays, and resulted yeas 26, nays 32, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Berry, of Baltimore county, Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Cunningham, Duvall, Edelen, Hollyday, Hopkins, Keefer, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Sands, Sykes, Thomas and Turner—26.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hopper, Kennard, King, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stockbridge, Thruston and Wooden—32.

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

The question then recurred upon the original order as submitted by Mr. HESS.

Upon this question, Mr. DAVIS, of Washington, called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question was then taken by yeas and nays, and resulted yeas 41, nays 19, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Berry, of Baltimore county, Berry, of Prince George's, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, King, Marbury, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stockbridge, Thomas, Thruston and Wooden—41.

Nays—Messrs. Billingsley, Blackiston, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Clarke, Duvall, Edelen, Hollyday, Hopkins, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Negley, Parker, Parran, Peter, Sykes and Turner—19.

The order was accordingly adopted.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS—EMANCIPATION.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report of the Committee on the Declaration of Rights, which was on its second reading.

The following article was under consideration:

Article 23. That hereafter, in this State, there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted; and all persons held to service or labor as slaves are hereby declared free.