

The PRESIDENT. There is now a standing rule preventing any member from speaking more than once until every member desiring to speak shall have spoken. All that is necessary is to mention the fact, and the president will at once enforce the rule. It has been usual to check members when rising to address the chair, unless attention is called to the fact that they have already spoken.

The order was withdrawn.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The convention proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, being the second reading of the article on the legislative department.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment submitted by Mr. DUVALL, to wit:

Add to the end of section thirty-nine the words: "provided, however, that no such sale shall be binding on the State until the same shall have been ratified by the general assembly, after having been duly reported to the same."

Mr. PARRAN submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out all after the word "been," in the third line and insert the words "duly reported to, and ratified by the general assembly at the first session thereof after such sale or sales."

On motion of Mr. KING,

The further consideration of the amendments to section thirty-nine was postponed.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I desire to give notice that when this article shall again be taken up I will move to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of the gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. Ridgely) was adopted. Upon a careful reading of that amendment I find that it reads quite differently from what my apprehension of it was at the time I voted for it.

Mr. CLARK gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendment:

Strike out the section and insert:

"Section 39. The governor, comptroller and treasurer of the State are hereby authorized conjointly, or any two of them, subject to such regulations as the legislature may from time to time prescribe, to exchange the State's interest in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for an equal amount of the bonds or registered debt now owing by the State, and to sell from time to time the State's interest in the other works of internal improvement, whether as stockholder or creditor, also the State's interest in any banking corporation, and receive in payment the bonds or registered debt now owing by the State, equal in amount to the price obtained for the State's said interest, provided that the interest of the State in the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad be reserved and exempted from such sale."

Mr. THOMAS gave notice that he would submit the following amendment:

After the word "debt" in the 14th line add the following:

"But, provided further, that the State's interest in the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and of the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal shall be and is hereby reserved and excepted from the sale hereby authorized."

The fortieth section was then read as follows:

"Section 40. The general assembly shall pass no law, nor make any appropriation to compensate the masters or claimants of slaves emancipated from servitude by the adoption of this constitution."

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles, submitted the following amendment.

Section 40. Strike out all after the word "assembly," in the first line, and insert "shall pass laws making appropriations to justly compensate the masters or claimants of slaves emancipated from servitude by the adoption of this constitution."

Mr. MILLER demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 18, nays 39—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bond, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lee, Mitchell, Miller, Parran, Smith, of Dorchester, Wilmer—18.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Kennard, King, Larsh, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valiant, Wooden—39.

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. The convention is not very full this morning. I think this is one of the most important provisions which has been submitted to the consideration of the convention during the session. I am very sure that those who are absent, who, I trust, will be here to-morrow morning, would like to record their votes upon it, and I respectfully move that it be informally passed over until we have a fuller house.

Mr. SANDS. I would very respectfully suggest to my friend that enough votes have already been cast here to place beyond the shadow of a doubt the result of the vote upon this question. What good can be obtained by further postponement? Why do everything else rather than come to a vote? It is well known to every gentleman here that any postponement can only operate to consume the time without in any way changing