

or ten dollars, or even fifty dollars, if the power is in the hands of man who may have some object to accomplish. His objection to a poll-tax was that it was not right, not that it was not expedient, and he begged gentlemen to cease in this Convention the cry of expediency. He believed that any constitution framed by this Convention could be carried by the people of Maryland; that is if there was no departure from truth and justice. He had never feared defeat before any body when he was right and his only objection to laying this tax, was that it was not right.

Mr. Motter advocated the retention of the article.

The question was then taken on the amendment to strike out, which was decided in the negative, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Hall, Brown, Chambers, Howard, Cosgrove, Stoddert, Devries, Keating, Ford and Tarr of Worcester—10.

Nays—Messrs. Carmichael, Perry, Spates, Walsh, Hoblitzell, McKaig, Howison, Kilbourn, Giddings, Rennolds, George, Vansant, Flaherty, Henderson, Gill, Carter, Ritchie, Garey, Dobbin, Brewer of Baltimore city, Peters, Franck, Buchanan, Wethered, Bell, Barry, Harcastle, Tarr of Caroline, Hubbard, Longwell, Galt, Hayden, Hodson, Nelson, McPherson, Johnson, Mackubin, Wickes, Brewer of Montgomery, Riggs, Duvall, Lee, Marbury, Finley, Bradley, Jamison, Toadvine, Jones, Goldsborough of Talbot, Alvey, Murray, Cunningham, Motter, Pole, Franklin and McMaster—56.

Absent or not voting—Messrs. Roman, Whitman, Barnes, Pleasants, Ferry, Merryman, Denson, Wilkinson, Kennedy, Starr, Nicolai, John Parran, C. S. Parran, Ireland, Watkins of Caroline, Manro, Bennett, Cover, Groom, McCormick, Mitchell, Brent, Wallace, Goldsborough of Dorchester, Austin, Maulsby, Dorsey, Horsey of Frederick, Thomas, Farnandis, Archer, Evans, Rogers, Silver, Merrick, Morris, Ringgold, Massey, Janvier, Watkins of Montgomery, Brooke, Emack, Dent, Rider, Horsey of Somerset, Payne, Hollyday, Bateman, Hammond, Seyster, Parker and Covington—52.

Mr. Carter submitted the following as a substitute for