

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Ridgely, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Gaither, Annan, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Waters and Smith—43.

Determined in the negative.

The 1st section of said report was then adopted.

Mr. Dorsey, moved to postpone the consideration of the report of the committee on the Elective Franchise, to enable him to offer the following as an independent article :

“No Governor, Judge of any court of this State, or Clerk, or Chancellor or Register thereof, or Register of the Chancery court, or Register of the Land Office, or Comptroller or Treasurer of the State, shall be permitted to practise law or appear as Attorney, Counsel, Solicitor or Proctor in any court of this State;”

On the question being put,

Will the Convention postpone said report? it was

Determined in the negative.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the Elective Franchise.

The second section of said report was then read.

Mr. Dorsey, moved to amend said section by adding at the end thereof the following :

“And the person to whom such bribe, present, reward, promise or security may have been offered or given, shall be a competent witness to prove the offence, and may be compelled to testify as such; and if so testifying, should he have received the same, he shall be exempt from all punishment therefor; and the person by whom such bribe, present, reward, promise or security may have been offered or given, shall be a competent witness, and may as such be compelled to testify; and if so testifying, he shall be exempt from all prosecution or punishment for the offence by him committed; provided, always that such exemption from prosecution and punishment shall only be extended to that party who shall first appear before the Grand Jury to testify as aforesaid; and that neither party shall be compelled to give testimony unless protected from punishment by the exemption hereinbefore provided.”

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Johnson, moved the previous question, and being seconded;

The question was put on the adoption of said 2nd section;

and

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Mitchell, moved for the yeas and nays ;

Which motion was not sustained.

Mr. Dorsey, then moved to amend said report by adding at the end thereof as additional sections, the following :