

The **PRESIDENT** repeated his decision, expressing the opinion that the rule was unwise, but that, nevertheless, it was the rule, and it was the duty of the chair to execute it.

The question was then stated to be, "Will the Convention give its consent that the motion to reconsider be again made."

Some conversation followed between Mr. **BUCHANAN** and the **CHAIR**.

The question was then taken and the result was as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Donaldson, Kent, Sellman, Merrick, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Constable, Chambers of Cecil, McLane, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Magraw, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Prestman, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower and Brown—42.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Wells, Weems, Bond, Sollers, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, Tuck, McCubbin, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Sappington, Stephenson, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Kilgour and Waters—32.

So the Convention consented that the motion to reconsider should be again made.

Whereupon the question recurred on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the said first branch of the resolution had been agreed to.

Mr. **STEWART**, of Caroline, demanded the previous question.

There was a second.

And the main question was ordered to be now taken.

Mr. **SHRIVER** asked the yeas and nays on the main question, (i. e. the motion to reconsider,) which were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Donaldson, Sellman, Merrick, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Grason, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, McHenry, Magraw, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Prestman, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower and Brown—45.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Weems, Sollers, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, McCubbin, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Sappington, Stephenson, Nelson, Thawley, Kilgour and Waters—29.

So the vote was reconsidered.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. **McHENRY** moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

The question was taken and decided in the affirmative, without a division.

So the resolution was laid upon the table.

#### MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER.

Mr. **MORGAN**. I rise to ask information of the Chair. If I should now make a motion that the consent of the House be given to enable me to make a motion to reconsider, would that motion be in order.

The **PRESIDENT**. The Chair can give no other construction to the rule, in the shape in which it now stands.

Mr. **MORGAN**. Then it is high time it should be changed; otherwise this Convention may move for weeks and months, round the same circle, without the power to extricate itself, or to take one single step towards the final disposition of any subject-matter, that may come up for its consideration.

I give notice that I shall to-morrow move to amend the twenty-second rule, by striking out that portion of it which permits a motion to reconsider, after having been once made and decided, to be again made by the consent of the Convention; and I hope that the Convention, on all sides, will give me its aid towards removing this obstacle, at least, from our path.

The motion was entered on the journal.

The Convention thereupon passed to the orders of the day.

#### THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the special order of the day, being the report heretofore made from the committee on the legislative department of the government.

The question pending at the time of adjournment yesterday, was on the amendment of Mr. **JACOBS**. [See yesterday's proceedings.]

Mr. **JACOBS** withdrew the amendment offered by him on yesterday, and substituted in lieu of it the following:

"The Legislature shall not repeal the taxes now imposed for the payment of the public debt, until the revenues and funds of the State, shall be sufficient to ensure its ultimate extinguishment within the period limited for its payment; and when the public debt is paid, the surplus revenues derived from the public works of the State, after defraying the necessary expenses of the government shall be distributed according to the mode provided by the resolution, No. 47, of the General Assembly, of December session, passed 1833."

Mr. **JACOBS** said:

Mr. **PRESIDENT**.—On the day before yesterday, we adopted two sections as a substitute for the original twenty-first section reported by the committee on the legislative department, and I voted with great pleasure for both of them; because, in my opinion, they imposed such restrictions upon the future Legislatures of this State, as past experience has proved to be necessary, and the whole public mind required, as a guarantee against similar legislation in future. So far as