

The question then recurred on the modified amendment of Mr. CONSTABLE.

Mr. CONSTABLE again modified the amendment by striking out the words "without paying a tax."

The words were, Mr. C. said, unnecessary.

The question then was on inserting the amendment of Mr. CONSTABLE, in lieu of the first paragraph of the amendment offered yesterday by Mr. GEORGE.

Mr. WEEMS asked the yeas and nays which were ordered, and being taken, resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Sellman, Weems, Bond, Merrick, Buchanan, Welch, Chandler, Lloyd, Colston, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Hicks, Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, McLane, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Gaither, Stephenson, McHenry, Hardcastle, John Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Parke, Shower and Brown—31.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Jenifer, Bell, Ridgely, Crisfield, Goldsborough, Bowie, Sprigg, Bowling, Spencer, Grason, George, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Sappington, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Prestman, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Harbine, Davis, Kilgour, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Smith, Ege and Cockey—43.

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. GEORGE.

Mr. DONALDSON, moved to amend said amendment by striking out all after the word "improvement," to the end thereof, and insert the following:

"But without laying a tax, debts may be contracted to any amount that may be necessary to provide for the punctual payment of the interest of the public debt now existing, or in case of war, or to suppress insurrection."

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, suggested certain divisions of the question on the amendment of Mr. GEORGE.

Mr. C. referred to the provision prohibiting appropriations of money for the use of individuals. He concurred in the spirit of the proposition which was, that the legislature should not mix itself up with private enterprise. But as the provision now stood, it would continually embarrass the legislature.

He suggested several cases in which difficulties might grow out of it, and said, that if these difficulties could be removed, he would vote for the amendment. He preferred it to the proposition of the gentleman from Cecil, [Mr. Constable.]

Some explanations as to the just interpretation of this branch of the proposition took place, between Messrs. GRASON, CHAMBERS, of Kent, SPENCER and THOMAS.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, moved to amend the

amendment, by striking out the word "individuals."

Mr. THOMAS asked the yeas and nays, Which were ordered, and

Being taken, resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Blakistone, Dent, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Sellman, Weems, Jenifer, Ridgely, Crisfield, Hicks, Goldsborough, Constable, Bowie, Sprigg, Bowling, Spencer, McMaster, Fooks, McHenry, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Harbine, Davis and Kilgour—31.

*Negative*—Messrs. Merrick, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Lloyd, Colston, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Chambers of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Grason, George, Thomas, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Prestman, Ware, John Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Smith, Parke, Ege, Cockey and Brown—37.

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred on the amendment of Mr. DONALDSON.

Mr. THOMAS asked the yeas and nays, Which were ordered.

Some explanations followed as to the construction of the amendment, by Messrs. SPENCER, THOMAS, McLANE and DONALDSON.

The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. DONALDSON, and the result was as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Dent, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Sellman, Merrick, Jenifer, Crisfield, Hicks, Goldsborough, Bowie, Sprigg, Bowling, Spencer, Grason, George, McMaster, McHenry, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Weber, Slicer and Smith—32.

*Negative*—Messrs. Hopewell, Weems, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Colston, James U. Dennis, Dashiell, Constable, Chambers of Cecil, Miller, McLane, Fooks, Thomas, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Prestman, Ware, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Hollyday, Parke, Ege, Cockey and Brown—37.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. DAVIS then moved to amend said amendment by inserting after the word "corporations" in the twelfth line, these words, "except for purposes of education."

Mr. DAVIS called the attention of the Convention to the fact that by this proposition, the Legislature were deprived of any power to make appropriations for the purpose of education. In his part of the State, the people generally were desirous to have a system of education established. And now we are here, blocked up by this provision, which prevents any appropriation for any kind of improvement, even for the education of the children in the State.