

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. That is the very thing I propose to supply.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I think the gentleman upon reflection will take back what he says; for I think we might as well say that nobody shall enter a ball-room except those entitled to do it. I think there is no law by which the right of a voter at a primary meeting can be determined. I have no objection to voting for a provision to give the best possible security we can, but it must be for something practicable.

Mr. MILLER. I agree with the gentleman from Kent; but I think the object of the gentleman from Baltimore city could be attained by leaving out the words in his amendment, "at any primary meeting or nominating convention," so that it shall be that no person shall be eligible to office who by fraud, force, surprise, or bribery, shall have procured his nomination to any office. My objection to the amendment as it is, is this, as indicated by the gentleman from Allegany (Mr. Thruston) that it is a constitutional recognition of such things as primary meetings and nominating conventions. It puts into the constitution a designation of those meetings, of those conventions; which are altogether unknown to the election laws of the State. I move to amend by striking out the words "at any primary meeting or nominating convention."

The amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring upon Mr. STOCKBRIDGE'S amendment as amended,

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

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 45, nays 25—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President, Abbott, Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Dellinger, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Hopkins, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Kennard, Lansdale, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Turner, Wickard, Wooden—45.

*Nays*—Messrs. Annan, Audoun, Belt, Billingsley, Blackiston, Brown, Davis, of Washington, Dent, Galloway, Harwood, Hopper, Keefer, King, Lee, Morgan, Nyman, Parran, Peter, Robinette, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Stirling, Thomas, Thruston—25.

When his name was called

Mr. PETER said: The only question should be whether a man is worthy or not, and whether he has been elected by the majority of legal voters. A nomination is not an election. I vote "no."

The amendment was accordingly adopted.

#### OATH OF OFFICE.

Mr. DUVAL submitted the following amendment:

Insert as an additional section the following: "Section —. The sections of this article which prescribe oaths to be taken shall remain in force only until the end of the existing civil war; and from and after the re-establishment of peace, there shall be no oath required of legal voters, as a condition of suffrage, and the oath of public officers shall be as now prescribed in the existing constitution."

Mr. DUVAL demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 23, nays 47—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Belt, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Brown, Chambers, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Jones, of Somerset, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Peter, Smith, of Dorchester, Turner—23.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Berry, of Baltimore county, Carter, Cunningham, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Harwood, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Wickard, Wooden—47.

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

Mr. STIRLING. I have an amendment to offer as an additional section, which I intended to move as an amendment to section five, but was cut off by the previous question:

"Section —. Every person holding any office of trust or profit under the late constitution, or under any law of the State, and who shall be continued in office under this constitution, shall within thirty days after this constitution shall have gone into effect, take and subscribe the oath or affirmation set forth in the fifth section of this article, and if any such person shall fail so to do, his office shall be *ipso facto* vacant."

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

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 45, nays 24—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Berry, of Baltimore county, Carter, Cunningham, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Markey, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Thruston, Todd, Wickard, Wooden—45.