

tion tax of 50 cents or a dollar. There is no difference between the two; and I am therefore opposed to any such proposition. Gentlemen argue in favor of this amendment, that there is a large class of people in Maryland, as in other States, young men who make handsome incomes but who do not pay any tax. Now is it not in the power of the Legislature to reach that class of cases, independently of a poll tax, a capitation tax, or an election tax? They can be reached in another and far less objectionable mode. I am sure you will damage the prospects of the Constitution you may adopt, by inserting anything in it that looks toward;—if it does not, as I contend it does, substantially—granting the power to the Legislature to pass a property qualification tax. I shall, therefore, oppose this amendment, and vote for the article as originally reported.

Mr. DANIEL. With the permission of the Convention, I will withdraw my proposition in favor of one from the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Greene,) which I think is in a better form than the one I have submitted.

No objection being made, leave to withdraw was granted.

Mr. GREENE then submitted the following proposition:

Strike out article 14, and insert the following as article 14:

"That paupers ought not to be assessed for the support of the Government, but every person in the State, holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of Government, according to his actual worth in real or personal property; and fines, duties or taxes may properly and justly be imposed or laid on persons or property for the good government and benefit of the community; provided that no capitation tax shall be imposed as a qualification for the exercise of the right of suffrage."

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I would suggest that we take until to-morrow morning to reflect upon this subject. I therefore move that this Convention do now adjourn.

The question being taken upon the motion to adjourn, it was agreed to, upon a division—yeas 44, nays not counted.

The Convention accordingly adjourned.

TWENTIETH DAY.

THURSDAY, May 28th, 1864.

The Convention met at 11 A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Owen.

Present at the call of the roll, the following members:

Messrs. Goldsborough, (President,) Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Belt, Berry of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Craw-

ford, Cunningham, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis of Charles, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Dennis, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Harwood, Hatch, Hebb, Henkle, Hodson, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Jones of Cecil, Jones of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lausdale, Larsh, Lee, Mace, Marbury, Markey, McComus, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith of Carroll, Smith of Dorchester, Smith of Worcester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Thurston, Todd, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—83.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. SMITH, of Carroll, it was

Ordered, That it be entered on the Journal that Dr. John Swope, of Carroll county, is absent from the Convention on account of the illness of his brother.

The President announced the first business in order to be the order submitted by Mr. Valliant on yesterday, as follows:

Ordered, That 130 copies of the Rules and Orders for the government of the Convention be printed in pamphlet form for the use of members.

Mr. CUSHING. Before that is acted on, I think the Convention better act on the amendments to the rules, of which I gave notice yesterday, because if adopted they will make a material change in the rules. I therefore move that this order be postponed until to-morrow.

The question being taken, the motion to postpone was agreed to.

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the following amendments to the Rules, of which notice was given by Mr. Cushing on yesterday:

Amend Rule 42 by striking out the words "the final passage of a report, or," so that the rule will read:

"All questions, except on a motion to suspend the rules, or those otherwise herein provided for, shall be determined by a majority of the members present; those dividing in the affirmative rising in their places, those in the negative continuing in their seats, and so *vice versa*, until a decision by the President."

Amend Rule 43 by striking out all after the word "Journal" in the third line, so that the rule will read:

"The question on the final adoption of any article shall always be determined by yeas and nays, which shall be recorded on the Journal."

The question was stated to be on the proposition to amend the 42d Rule.

Mr. BRAY, of Prince George's. I hope