

Mr. Nelson moved to postpone its further consideration until tomorrow.

Mr. Brewer, of Baltimore, moved to make it the special order for Tuesday next.

Mr. Brent moved to postpone it indefinitely.

Mr. Nelson.—I accept that amendment with all my heart.

The Chair said the effect of the motion would be to postpone the whole article indefinitely.

Some confusion here ensued, and calls for the yeas and nays were made.

Mr. Dent said the whole article had been disposed of with the exception of this one section, and it was therefore in order to make the motion to postpone.

Mr. Barry said this question might as well be met now as at any time. He was opposed to negroes in any form, whether they were bright mulattoes or dark as Erebus, but, as a lawyer, he was in favor of their testimony being admitted. Mr. Barry was proceeding, when

Mr. Brent asked if he was in order.

The Chair said that he was not.

The Chair again stated that, if the motion to postpone indefinitely prevailed, it would carry the other two sections which had been read a second time but not engrossed.

Mr. Brent then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Vansant said this whole subject had been thoroughly debated when the Bill of Rights was under consideration, and nothing that could be said now would have the effect to change the opinion of any member, but rather tend to impair that harmony which should prevail. It was best, then, that the question should be taken on the motion to strike out, without further debate.

Motions were made to adjourn, which were decided in the negative.

Mr. Brewer, of Baltimore city, moved a call of the house, when ninety-eight members answered to their names.