

read. [It fixes the representation in the House for the present, and until the next census is taken.]

Mr. Nicolai moved to amend by giving seven delegates to Baltimore county instead of six. Mr. Nicolai said Baltimore county was increasing more rapidly than any other county of the State. It surrounded Baltimore city, and as they had passed a provision that people should pay their taxes where they liked, and he expected this would cause a great emigration from Baltimore, as it seemed to be the impression that this Constitution would last for about 2,000 years, Baltimore county would have no redress unless this increase was now given her.

Mr. Vansant hoped the gentleman would not press his amendment. This whole subject had been thoroughly discussed in the committee, and the report was the result of compromise. He hoped the subject would not again be opened, as it would probably give rise to an extended debate.

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Mackubin submitted, as a substitute for the entire section, the similar section from the constitution of 1851, which was rejected.

Section 3 was read. It apportions the representation after the next census is taken.

Mr. Archer moved an amendment, the effect of which was to limit the representation from the larger counties and the legislative districts of Baltimore city to six delegates instead of seven.

Mr. Wethered thought the report of the committee had better be adhered to.

Mr. Brown said this whole matter had been thoroughly gone over by the committee; there was no fixed rule by which it could be settled, and it was the result of compromise all round.

The amendment was carried by a vote of 49 to 38, Mr. Nicolai changing his vote from no to aye, for the purpose of moving a reconsideration.

The article having been read through, Mr. Nicolai moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of