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So the house refused to lay said bill on the table.

The door-keeper having returned, reported that in obedience to order, he had notified the absent members that their attendance in the house was required.

The house then resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, being the order submitted by Mr. Buchanan in relation to certain alterations and amendments in the constitution.

Mr. Ridgely having withdrawn his motion for the rejection of said order,

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the order,

Mr. Gough offered as a substitute for said order, the following.

Ordered, That the select committee on the constitution be requested to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill or bills amendatory of the constitution, so that the *Senate* shall consist of one member from each county and one from the city of Baltimore, to be chosen immediately by the people, to serve for four years; each county to elect its own *Senator* at the October election every fourth year—And also into the expediency of electing members of the House of Delegates annually, as at present, and to be distributed among the different counties and the city of Baltimore as follows: to the county with the largest population, six delegates; by which ratio the other counties to be apportioned with this proviso, that no county should have less than two delegates, and Baltimore city to have a delegation equal to the largest county, or on some other more equitable basis than at present. And also into the expediency of abolishing the present Executive Council, and the Governor hereafter to be elected immediately by the people, every second year. And in all other matters of appointment to office, or in the discharge of such other duties as he is at present required to perform by and with the advice of the Council, he shall hereafter perform by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, which shall in all things stand in the place of the present Executive Council.

The clerk of the county court and court of appeals to be appointed as they now are by their respective courts, for the term of seven years.

The register of wills to be elected by the people, for seven years, with this proviso, that neither the clerks nor