

sembly, at the last annual Session, and but just before it has been so boldly, but untruly asserted or assumed, that all hope of obtaining reform in the Constitutional mode, was vain and illusory, passed two bills, such as had frequently before been rejected, which, when confirmed, will give an increase of six Representatives to the *most populous* sections:—two to the City of Baltimore, and four to the people who now compose the Counties of Baltimore and Frederick!!

Can any sane mind believe, under these circumstances, that the *real*, and *main object* of the recusant Electors and their abettors, in the course they have pursued, was reform in the Constitution? But one answer, in substance and truth, can be given to this question. It is as manifest that the *ostensible* was not the *real* and *main object*, as that the assumptions upon which their measures were predicated, were, and are utterly destitute of foundation, untrue, and have been disproved by unquestionable facts.

We feel warranted by the facts which we have stated, and by the evidences of public sentiment in every quarter of the state, in expressing the fullest confidence, that whenever, and in whatever peaceable and orderly manner, the people of the state shall have clearly indicated the *kind* and *extent* of further just, reasonable and proper amendments desired by them, that their wishes will be carried into effect, in the regular manner, and with as little delay as a just and prudent consideration of, and the necessary action upon them, will admit of.

As a change in the basis of representation, is the great question of reform most generally desired and justly insisted upon, we beg leave to suggest for consideration, as a fair compromise of the conflicting views and interests in relation to the nature and proper extent of such change, and as suited to our condition and local circumstances, that our constitution, in this respect, be altered so as to conform, as nearly as our circumstances will justify, to that of the United States: that the representation in the House of Delegates be based on population of Federal numbers, limited however, by a maximum for the larger counties, and the City of Baltimore, and by a minimum for the smaller counties and the City of Annapolis, and