General Assembly of Maryland, after the adoption of this Constitution, shall be annual, and thereafter biennial."

Mr. BROWN suggested to Mr. BRENT, to extend the time to three or four years.

Some conversation followed on the point of order, in which Mr. BROWN and the PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, took part.

Mr. BRENT declined to accept the modification of Mr. BROWN.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. BRENT, of Charles.

Mr. MCMASTER asked the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

Some further conversation followed on a point of order, in which Messrs. THOMAS and PRESSTMAN, took part.

Mr. THOMAS suggested a certain modification of the amendment of Mr. PHELPS, which lead to further conversation upon a point of order.

The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. BRENT, of Charles, and resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Welch, Constable, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Gaither, Gwinn, Brent of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Davis, Brewer, Waters, Hollyday, and Fitzpatrick—23.

Negative—Messrs. Tuck, President, *pro tem.*, Morgan, Ricaud, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Dalrymple, Buchanan, Bell, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Eccleston, Phelps, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, Spencer, George, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Carter, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Stewart of Baltimore city, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—54.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. SPENCER then offered the following amendment:

Amend said second section by striking out all after the words "term of," where they lastly occur, in the second line, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"One year from the day of the general election, but the legislature shall have the right to provide by law for biennial sessions."

And Mr. S. demanded the previous question on the amendment.

There was a second; and

The main question was ordered to be now taken.

Mr. HARBINE asked the yeas and nays, on the amendment of Mr. SPENCER;

Which were ordered; and

Being taken, were as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Tuck, President, *pro. tem.*, Morgan, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Merrick, Buchanan, Welch, Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Spencer, George, Wright, Shriver, Biser, McHenry, Magraw, Presstman, Ware, Davis, Anderson, Hollyday, Parke and Brown.—30.

Negative—Messrs. Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Dalrymple, Brent of Charles, Bell, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Eccleston, Phelps, Miller, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Gaither, Annan, Stephenson, Nelson, Carter, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Shower and Cockey—49.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. PHELPS now withdrew his substitute, and moved to amend the said second section by filling the blank in the second line, with the words "two years."

Some further conversation followed on a point of order, in which Messrs. PRESSTMAN, HARBINE and PHELPS took part.

Mr. PHELPS demanded the previous question on his amendment.

There was a second; and

The main question was ordered.

Mr. HICKS asked the yeas and nays on the amendment;

Which were ordered, and

Being taken, resulted as follows:

Affirmative—Messrs. Ricaud, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Dalrymple, Brent of Charles, Bell, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowling, Spencer, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Gaither, Annan, Stephenson, Nelson, Carter, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Stewart of Baltimore city, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith and Cockey—49.

Negative—Messrs. Tuck, President, *pro tem.*, Morgan, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Merrick, Buchanan, Welch, Constable, Chambers of Cecil, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Wright, Shriver, Biser, McHenry, Magraw, Gwinn, Brent of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Anderson, Parke, Shower and Brown—28.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. WELLS offered the following amendment, to come in at the end of the section:

"Whenever the legislature may hereafter determine to substitute biennial for annual sessions; and in the meantime, and until then, said sessions shall be annual, and the members of the House of Delegates shall be elected annually."

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, demanded the previous question on the amendment.

There was a second.