

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Dent, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Dashiell, Eccleston, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, McLane, Bowie, Sprigg, Spencer, Fooks, Shriver, Biser, Stephenson, McHenry, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Pressman, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Parke, and Cockey—29.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fiery, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after Monday the 27th inst., the Convention shall hold morning and evening sessions, the former commencing at 10 o'clock, the latter at 3 o'clock.

Which was read.

Pending the question upon this resolution.

The President announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the order of the day.

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, moved that the Convention resolve itself in the committee of the whole, which motion he waived to enable Mr. Merrick, to lay before the Convention a communication from Jos. C. G. Kennedy, Esq., Superintendant of Census, covering a statement of the population of Maryland.

Which was read, and

On his motion, ordered to be printed.

The Convention then resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the report submitted by Mr. Chambers, of Kent, on the 13th ult., as chairman of the committee on the Elective Franchise, (Mr. Blakistone, being in the chair,) the following proceedings occurred in committee of the whole:

The question pending before the committee being on the amendment offered by Mr. Weber on yesterday, as a proviso, at the end of the amendment offered by Mr. Chambers, of Kent, on the 13th ult., and amended on the motion of Mr. Dorsey.

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, withdrew said amendment and offered in lieu of it the following:

“Every free white male person of twenty-one years of age or upwards, who shall have been for one year next preceding the election, a resident of the State, and for six months a resident of the city of Baltimore, of Howard District, or of any county in which he may offer to vote, and being at the time of the election a citizen of the United States, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides, in all elections hereafter to be held, and at all such elections the votes shall be taken by ballot.”

Which was twice read.

Mr. Stephenson, moved to amend said amendment by striking out “six months,” and inserting in lieu thereof “three months;”

Determined in the negative.