

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Dorsey on the 11th ult., as chairman of the committee on the Declaration of Rights.

The articles in said report having been severally adopted.

Mr. Dashiell, moved to amend the preamble to the report, by inserting after the word "Maryland," in first line, these words, "representing the counties and city of Baltimore;"

Mr. Parke, moved as a substitute for said preamble the following:

"We, the people of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to establish justice, maintain public order, and perpetuate liberty, do ordain this constitution.

Article 1.

Declaration of Rights.

Section 1. "That the essential principles of liberty and free government, may be truly recognized, and unalterably established, we declare;"

After debate thereon,

Mr. McHenry, moved the previous question, that is:

"Shall the main question be now put?" and it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put on the amendment as offered by Mr. Dashiell;

Mr. Dashiell, moved for the yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared as follows:

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Morgan, Hopewell, Chambers, of Kent, Kent, Bond, John Dennis, Dashiell, Hodson, Bowie, Sprigg, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs and Kilgour—17.

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. Ricaud, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Chambers, of Cecil, Miller, Tuck, McCubbin, Spencer, Grason, George, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Smith, Parke, Shower and Cockey—49.

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurred upon the amendment offered by Mr. Parke, as a substitute for the preamble;

Mr. Randall, moved to amend the preamble of the report of the committee by striking out all of said preamble, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"We, the people of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God fo