

Stephenson, Nelson, Carter, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Waters, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith and Cockey—47.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Brent, of Charles, then moved to amend said 2nd section by striking out all after the words "term of," where they secondly occur in the 2nd line, and inserting in lieu thereof the following :

"One year from the day of the general election for the first two years after the adoption of this constitution, and thereafter for the term of two years from the day of each general election, so that the first two sessions of the General Assembly of Maryland after the adoption of this constitution, shall be annual and thereafter biennial;"

Which was read, and

On the question being put,

Mr. McMaster, moved for the yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared 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, Pressman, Ware, Davis, Brewer, Waters, Hollyday and Fitzpatrick—23.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Tuck, President, pro tem., Morgan, Ricaud, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Dalrymple, Buchanan, Bell, Rigely, 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 moved to amend said 2nd section by striking out all after the words "term of," where they lastly occur, in the 2nd line, and inserting 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 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 adoption of the amendment

Mr. Spencer, moved for the yeas and nays, and being ordered,

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, moved for a division of the question, that it be taken on the first clause of the amendment;