

On motion of Mr. Howard, it was

Resolved, That the committee on amendments and revision of the Constitution be instructed to enquire into the expediency of inserting an article substantially as follows :

That in the year 1862, and every tenth year thereafter, it shall be the duty of the Governor for the time being, to arrange the representation in the House of Delegates, according to the ratio adopted by this Convention, and to declare by Proclamation, the number of Delegates to which each county and city may be entitled according to the new census of the United States. And in said Proclamation, he shall also invite the people of the State, to vote on a day therein to be named, whether or not they desire to hold a Convention for the purpose of altering the Constitution. And in case a majority of those who vote, shall desire that a Convention according to the new basis of Representation, the Governor shall take the same steps to organize the Convention, which were followed as to the present.

On motion of Mr. Merrick,

The Convention resumed the consideration of the order of the day, being the report submitted by Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee on the Legislative Department, on the 25th ultimo.

The question pending before the Convention on yesterday being on the adoption of the 2nd section as amended.

On motion of Mr. Spencer,

The Convention was called and the doorkeeper sent for the absent members.

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Further proceedings under the call was dispensed with.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the 2nd section, as amended.

Mr. John Newcomer moved the previous question, that is, "Shall the main question be now put?"

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered appeared as follows :

**AFFIRMATIVE.**—Messrs. Dalrymple, Buchanan, Welch, Dickinson, Phelps, Hearn, Annan, Stephenson, Nelson, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Parke and Cockey—18.

**NEGATIVE.**—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Ricaud, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Merrick, Howard, Ridgey, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Miller, Tuck, Sprigg, Bowling, Spencer, George, Wright, Dirickson, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, McHenry, Carter, Stewart, of Caroline, Presstman, Ware, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Shower and Brown—44.