

Mr. Merrick, then offered as a substitute for said amendment as offered by Mr. Fiery, the following :

“The House of Delegates shall consist of members to be apportioned to the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, according to the following rule, that is to say: Each of said counties and the city aforesaid, shall elect one delegate for every four thousand souls it may contain up to twenty thousand, and for any excess in the number of population in any of said counties or in the city of Baltimore above twenty thousand, and of not less than eight thousand, there shall be allowed to each county or city having such excess, one additional delegate; and for any excess of population in any of the counties or city aforesaid, above twenty-eight thousand, and of not less than sixteen thousand, one other additional delegate shall be allowed to each of the counties or to the city having such excess; and so on, duplicating the number of souls required to be in excess, above the last number upon which an additional delegate was allowed, for the allowance of each further additional delegate, to which by such duplicating ratio, any of the counties or the city of Baltimore, may be entitled for the whole number of its population; provided that no county shall have less than three delegates, nor shall any county or city have more than ten delegates. By which rule, and until otherwise apportioned by the Legislature as hereinafter provided, the number of delegates from each of the counties and the city of Baltimore, shall be as follows:—Allegany county shall elect five; Anne Arundel county shall elect five; Howard county three; Baltimore county six; Carroll county five; Caroline county three; Calvert county three; Cecil county four; Charles county four; Dorchester county four; Frederick county six; Harford county four; Kent county three; Montgomery county four; Prince George’s county five; Queen Anne’s county three; Saint Mary’s county three; Somerset county five; Talbot county three; Washington county six; Worcester county four; and the city of Baltimore ten. And the Legislature shall in future at their first regular session after the authoritative promulgation of each decennial census of the people of the United States, re-apportion the representatives in the House of Delegates according to the above rules, and the then state of the population in the several counties and the city of Baltimore.”

Which was read.

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Chapin, Pres’t, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Dorsey, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Brent of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Bowie, Tuck Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Jacobs, Kilgour and Waters—34.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Donaldson, Wells, Howard, Buchanan,