

before the next general election for members of the House of Delegates; at which general election the people shall vote for or against said amendment, in such manner as may be prescribed by law; and if the majority of legal voters of the State shall approve of the said amendment, then it shall be the duty of the Legislature at its next session to enact said amendment as a part of this constitution."

Which was read.

Mr. Sollers, offered as a substitute for said amendment, the following:

"And also, that this form of government and the declaration of rights, and any part thereof may be altered, changed or abolished by the passage of a bill by the General Assembly, so to alter, change or abolish the same; provided, such bills shall be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly, after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election.

2nd. That a convention to alter, change and abolish this form of government and the declaration of rights, may be called by the passage of a bill for that purpose; provided such bill be published at least three months before a new election, and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election."

Which was read.

Mr. Stephenson, moved to amend the amendment offered by Mr. Donaldson, by adding at the end thereof, the following proviso:

"Provided, That if more than one amendment be submitted, they shall be submitted in such manner and form, that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately and distinctly."

Which amendment Mr. Donaldson accepted.

Mr. Mitchell, moved the previous question;

At 10 minutes past 3 o'clock, P. M.,

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, moved that the Convention adjourn; Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. Mitchell, for 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. Mitchell, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Ridgely, Dickinson, Hicks, Eccleston, McCullough, Spencer, George, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Sherwood, of Balt. city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson,