

Mr. Johnson with the consent of the convention, withdrew the substitute offered by him on yesterday, and submitted the following in lieu of it as an amendment to come in at the end of the amendment offered by Mr. Chambers of Kent :

“And that each county in the State be divided into as many convenient election districts of contiguous territory, and as nearly equal in population as may be, as such county may be entitled to members of the House of Delegates, and each of said districts shall be entitled to elect one delegate, provided that each county and city shall be divided into separate election districts of compact contiguous territory, in the manner hereafter to be provided in this constitution ; the qualified voters in each of which districts shall at the time and in the manner in which delegates are chosen elect one delegate, who has for one year next before his election been a resident of the district from which he shall be elected ; and the residence in a district requisite to give a right of suffrage shall be six months next preceding the election ; but in case any voter otherwise qualified shall have less than six months residence in the district of his then residence, he shall not thereby lose his right to vote in the district in which he may have resided for the six months next preceding his removal.”

Which was read.

Mr. Thomas offered as a substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. Chambers of Kent, and the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson, the following :

“In order that each and every portion of the State may be fairly represented and its various interests protected in the Legislature, for the purpose of electing delegates therein, the city of Baltimore and each county in the State shall be divided into separate election districts of compact, contiguous territory, in the manner hereafter to be provided in this constitution, the qualified voters in each of which districts shall at the time and in the manner in which delegates are chosen, elect one delegate who has for one year next before his election been a resident of the district from which he shall be elected, and the residence in a district requisite to give a right of suffrage shall be six months next preceding the election, but in case any voter otherwise qualified shall have less than six months residence in the district of his then residence, he shall not thereby lose his right to vote in the district in which he may have resided for the six months next preceding his removal;”

Which was read.

The President stated that the amendment offered by Mr. Johnson being pending, the substitute offered by Mr. Thomas was not in order;

Mr. Thomas then withdrew his substitute.

After debate ;

Mr. Howard moved the previous question, which motion he waived to enable Mr. Brent of Balt. city, to offer the following as