

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

“It shall be the duty of the Legislature at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, to pass a bill for taking the sense of the qualified voters of this State at the next ensuing general election of delegates, touching the basis of representation in the House of Delegates, and providing that at such election the voters shall vote for or against “population as the basis;” and if a majority of the votes as then cast shall be for population as the basis, the Legislature at its next ensuing session, shall proceed to re-appoint the representation in the House of Delegates upon the basis of population according to federal numbers or upon gross population, so as to elect delegates upon such basis by general ticket in each county and the city of Baltimore; and if a majority of the ballots cast at such general election shall have inscribed on them the words “district the State,” then the Legislature shall divide the whole State into contiguous and compact districts equal as near as may be to each other in respect to population;”

Which was read.

The President stated that an amendment being pending to the original proposition, the substitute offered by *Mr. Brent of Balt. city*, was not in order;

From which opinion of the chair, *Mr. Brent of Balt. city* appealed;

The question was then put,

Shall the opinion of the chair stand as the judgment of the convention?

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Howard then renewed his motion for the previous question;

On motion of *Mr. Morgan*,

The Convention was called.

On motion of *Mr. Sherwood of Balt. city*,

Further proceedings under the call was dispensed with.

The question then recurred on the motion of *Mr. Howard*, for the previous question, that is:

“Shall the main question be now put?”

Mr. Bowie moved the question be taken by yeas and nays;

Which motion was not sustained.

The motion for the previous question being seconded,

The question was then put on the amendment offered by *Mr. Johnson* to the amendment proposed by *Mr. Chambers of Kent*;

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

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, Pres’t, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsev,