

The select committee appointed to consider and report respecting the formation of New Counties in this State, beg leave to make the following report, and recommend its adoption as an article of the constitution about to be formed:

THOS. B. DORSEY, *Chairman.*

Article. That part of Anne Arundel county called Howard District, is hereby erected into a new county to be called Howard county; the inhabitants whereof shall have, hold and enjoy all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the other counties in this State: and its civil and municipal officers at the time of the ratification of this constitution shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed, and shall have qualified as such; and all rights, powers and obligations incident to Howard District of Anne Arundel county, shall attach to Howard county.

The question was then stated to be on the adoption of the report.

Mr. WARE said, that before the question was taken he should like to know the census of Anne Arundel county proper, and Howard District.

Mr. DORSEY said, he had not the census before him; but he understood upon good authority, that the population of the district was some twelve or thirteen thousand.

The question was then taken and the report was adopted.

#### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Mr. SPENCER moved that the Convention resume the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning hour—which motion was agreed to.

The Convention thereupon resumed the consideration of the motion submitted yesterday by Mr. LLOYD, making the several reports from the committee on representation the special order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. GWINN asked the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

Mr. WELLS, (to the Chair.) Is it in order to move another day?

The PRESIDENT. It is in order to move any other day that has not yet been named.

Mr. WELLS. I move Wednesday week.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. PRESTMAN said, he did not see the necessity of being pertinacious as to a particular day, or of taking the yeas and nays on each day named. The Convention could designate some day most acceptable to it, without the delay consequent upon this process.

Mr. SOLLERS, (to the Chair.) Is an amendment in order? I wish to move an indefinite postponement.

The PRESIDENT. A motion to postpone indefinitely is not in order at this time. The proposition is to fix a day certain for the consideration of the question.

Mr. SAPPINGTON addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT now stated that the pending question was not debateable, and the Chair would not entertain discussion.

Mr. HOPEWELL. Is it in order to move to lay the motion on the table?

The PRESIDENT. The motion is in order.

Mr. HOPEWELL. I make it.

The question was taken, and the Convention decided that the motion should not be laid on the table.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. WELLS, to designate Wednesday week, and being taken, resulted as follows:

*Affirmative* — Messrs. Chapman, President, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricard, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Grason, McMaster, Fooks, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Thawley, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Davis and Kilgour—37.

*Negative* — Messrs. Sollers, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Colston, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, Spencer, George, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Magraw, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Prestman, Ware, Neill, Michael Newcomer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Parke, Ege, Cockey and Brown—31.

So the reports from the committee on representation was made the special order of the day, for Wednesday week.

#### THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Convention proceeded to the special order of the day, being the report of the committee on the legislative department.

The pending question was on the substitute amendment offered yesterday by Mr. SPENCER in the following words:

“The Legislature shall not hereafter appropriate the public money, or pledge the public faith, or make loans, or subscriptions to any association, corporation or work of internal improvement; and they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax now levied, or which may hereafter be levied to pay off the public debt, to any other purpose, until the interest and debt are fully paid.”

Mr. SPENCER moved the question be taken by yeas and nays.

Mr. SPENCER said, that he had yesterday offered this as a substitute for the amendment of the gentleman from Harford, [Mr. McHenry.] He now withdrew it. He did so in consequence of a conversation with that gentleman, in which he, (Mr. McH.,) had agreed to accept the latter part of the substitute as a modification of his own proposition.

Mr. McHENRY accepted this modification.

Mr. CRISFIELD now offered the following amendment, of which he had yesterday given notice:

Strike out after the word “dollars,” in the tenth line, to the word “the,” in the thirteenth line, and insert:

“Nor shall the legislature hereafter create any debt, or pledge the credit of the State, except for