

he made yesterday, to state, what he would now do with pleasure.

A meeting which took place at the term of the Charles county court, when Governor Lowe was a candidate, the gentleman was there also, and he was called out on the question of the representation of Baltimore city, and he did state that he himself would go for representation according to population in the lower House, and one Senator from each of the counties of the State, and the city of Baltimore. He further stated, that although he entertained this opinion, he did not know whether it was the opinion of his constituents or not.

Mr. BRENT said that he spoke upon his own responsibility. He did not say, however, that he did not know the sentiments of his constituents. He stated that he spoke for himself and upon his own responsibility.

Mr. JENIFER. But you did not state it as the wish of your constituents, nor did you state that it was not their wish.

#### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. SHOWER to reconsider the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. FIERY to the report of the committee on representation had been rejected.

Mr. COLLERS was entitled to the floor, but yielded to

Mr. THOMAS, who said, (addressing the Chair,) has the previous question been moved?

The PRESIDENT. It has not.

Mr. THOMAS. I move it.

Mr. DORSEY. Is it the design of the gentleman to prevent any explanations being given or any exposure of the defects of the proposition?

Mr. THOMAS. I will say to the gentleman, with great respect and sincerity, that I do not believe that any thing which can be said on the one side or the other will effect the vote. I forbear, myself, submitting any remarks, and I do not think that I impose any hardship on other gentlemen in moving the previous question. I must adhere to my motion.

Mr. BLAKISTONE. My object is not delay. Some of our friends, however, are not in their seats, though they are known to be in the city. I want to have a full vote. And I therefore enquire of the Chair whether, before the question is taken on the motion to re-consider, a call of the House will be in order?

The PRESIDENT. The motion is in order.

Mr. BLAKISTONE. I make it.

A call of the Convention was ordered.

The roll was called.

The PRESIDENT then announced that all the members who were in the city, with two exceptions, were in attendance.

Thereupon, the PRESIDENT directed the door-keeper to wait upon the absentees and request their attendance in the Convention.

The door-keeper proceeded to discharge this duty—all business being in the meantime suspended.

After some time

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, moved that further proceedings on the call be dispensed with.

Some conversation followed.

After which, the doorkeeper returned, and

The PRESIDENT announced that all the members in the city of Annapolis were now in their places.

Thereupon, Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, withdrew his motion.

And the question recurred on the motion of Mr. SHOWER to reconsider the vote by which the amendment of Mr. FIERY had been rejected.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, asked the yeas and nays;

Which were ordered.

Mr. JENIFER desired the President to state what the effect of the previous question, if seconded, would be?

The President explained that the effect of the previous question, if seconded, would be to bring the Convention to a vote on the motion to reconsider. The previous question will then be exhausted.

Mr. DIRICKSON also made an enquiry as to the effect of the previous question, after which

The question was taken "will the Convention reconsider the vote by which the said amendment of Mr. FIERY was rejected," and the vote resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Sellman, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Colston Constable, Chambers, of Cecil, Milner, McLane, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Johnson, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caloline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Shei word, of Baltimore city, Pressiman, Ware, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—53.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Well, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McNaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Kilgour and Waters—40.

So there was a second to the demand for the previous question.

And the main question, (on the motion to reconsider,) was ordered to be now taken.

Mr. HICKS said, that he rose at this important stage of the proceedings to ask a question of the chair. Under the operation of the previous question, would not members be permitted to make an enquiry? At the time the previous question was moved, he knew about as much of what the question was, as his horses on the Eastern Shore, [laughter,] and he supposed, looking to the confusion which every where prevailed, that many other members were in a similar condition. He wanted to know whether en-