

cause it would very materially interfere with concluding the business of the Convention on Monday night, on which time he was very desirous that their business shall be finished.

Mr. HARRIS withdrew the amendment.

Mr. FIELDS said that he voted against laying the order on the table, but, perhaps he should vote for the order itself. He would, however, take the opportunity of saying that the responsibility of its adoption must rest with the majority here—with those called "reformers." The elective franchise bill had not yet been reported to the House, and, therefore, had not been acted upon; and the reports in regard to the Treasury Department, upon education, upon the negro population of the State, and several other important reports, had not yet been considered. In addition, the report of the gentleman from Prince George's, (Mr. Tuck.) in regard to lottery commissioners, &c., had not yet been before them for action, and there were but three days remaining for work. The motion to reconsider the proposition districting the city of Baltimore, was the order of the day for to-day. The committee of revision had, he believed, reported on but one single article, and all the various articles to be adopted must go before that committee for examination, and then the whole Constitution must be engrossed before it could be submitted to the Convention.

He had come here, in one sense, as a reformer, but he was not regarded so here, though he regarded himself as such. He, therefore, was desirous to bring the session to a close in the shortest possible time. He had been in the minority all time, but he should vote for this proposition, because he believed that they could consummate all the business before them by Monday night. He wished it, however, to be distinctly understood that he had no desire to defeat the Constitution, or to do any thing to force it prematurely before the people; but if the majority who had taken the lead in reform and retrenchment, and who had been instrumental in calling the Convention, believed they could complete the work before them in the time designated, he was not disposed to oppose them.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, made some remarks which will be published hereafter.

The question was accordingly put on the first branch of the order, being in these words:

"Ordered, that after the tenth instant, no article or section of the proposed Constitution, shall be adopted or considered, and no article or section adopted on or before that day shall be afterwards reconsidered without the unanimous consent of the Convention.

Mr. HOWARD moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*.—Messrs. Morgan, Hopewell, Riccaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Kent, Bond, Brent of Charles, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Phelps, Constable, McCullough,

Matter, McLane, Tuck, Bowling, Spencer, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Harriestale, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Anderson Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Ege, Shower, Cockey and Brown—70.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Blakistone, President, *pro tem.*, Dent, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Sellman, Weems, Dalrymple, Sollers, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Grason, George, Hearn, Jacobs and Waters—21.

So the first branch of the order was adopted.

The question then recurred on the second branch of the order, being in these words:

"But after the tenth instant, the Convention will proceed without debate, to receive and finally dispose of the several reports of the revisory committee."

Mr. HOWARD moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative*.—Messrs. Brent of Charles, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Hodson, Phelps, Constable, McCullough, McLane, Tuck, Spencer, Grason, George, Fooks, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Harriestale, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Ege, Shower, Cockey and Brown—55.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Blakistone, Pres't, *pro tem.*, Morgan, Dent, Hopewell, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Jacobs, Davis, Waters and Smith,—30.

So the second and last branch of the order was adopted.

Mr. DORSEY gave notice that at the proper time he should offer the following amendments to the report of the committee on the treasury department.

*Article*. A State's agent who shall reside in the city of Baltimore, shall biennially be appointed by the joint vote of both branches of the legislature, whose duty it shall be, after ascertaining the legality thereof, to countersign all bonds, coupons or certificates of debt of the State, thereafter issued by the commissioner of loans; and to make in well bound books to be furnished him by the treasurer of Maryland at the expense of the State, full, fair and explicit entries of all bonds, coupons and certificates of debt of the State, countersigned by him; and all