

in friendship, and an expedient had to be resorted to. What was it? Why, to go down to poor old Harry Matthews, and order a terrapin supper, where hot whiskey punch, champagne, and twenty other good things were in abundance.— And then the ear was open for such information as they had to impart—or to listen to such arguments as would be most likely to convince their judgment.

But that was not the point he had made. Baltimore had repudiated the debt upon a quibble of law in which she had been sustained by the courts, that Washington county could not claim it not having a municipal but a political government.

Mr. PRESTMAN desired to be understood. The Baltimore and Ohio rail road company was the party, and not the city of Baltimore; and in the next place it was the legislature of Maryland and not the city of Baltimore which had repealed the penalty.

Mr. DAVIS. Upon whose application?

Mr. PRESTMAN was not aware that there had been any application from any quarter of the State.

Mr. DAVIS could only say then, that if that was the case, the legislature had been unusually accommodating. Whenever any thing was to be done for Montgomery county, it was found necessary to make application for it, and even then there was not always time to attend to it. He presumed that the city of Baltimore had by some means called attention to the matter and exerted its influence. Otherwise, he apprehended that the legislature would not of its own volition have assumed the duty.

Mr. President, there are several other points to which I intended to advert, but I have exhausted myself and wearied the patience of this Convention. I will say in conclusion, that I feel a deep and anxious solicitude for the settlement of this question upon a basis satisfactory to all and oppressive to none. If this cannot be done—if all our efforts at a harmonious compromise shall unhappily fail—then, sir, above all, protect the weak from the power of the strong.

Mr. DORSEY, (with unanimous consent of the Convention,) gave notice of his intention at the proper time to offer the following amendment, which he desired should be entered upon the record:

Art. 2. The House of Delegates shall until altered by the Legislature as hereinafter provided for, consist of sixty-two members to be apportioned amongst the counties and city of Baltimore, as follows:—One delegate to each county and the city of Baltimore, as the representative of the territory or population thereof, without respect to numbers and one delegate for every thirteen thousand inhabitants, and one for every county having a fraction thereof, exceeding six thousand five hundred, until the entire population of the county or city to the number of thirty nine thousand shall be represented; and for every twenty-one thousand six hundred and seventy inhabitants of any county or the city of Baltimore above the said thirty-nine thousand, one addi-

tional delegate shall be elected in such county or city, until the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, when every county or the city of Baltimore for every fifty thousand inhabitants it may have, above one hundred and sixty-nine thousand, shall be entitled to one additional delegate, and after the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, every county or the city of Baltimore having a population over one hundred and sixty nine thousand shall have but one additional delegate to its ten delegates for every one hundred thousand inhabitants; and after every decennial census, the General Assembly of Maryland shall adjust the representation in the House of Delegates according to the principles contained in this article of the Constitution. And in order that each and every portion of the city of Baltimore, and of the populous counties, may be fairly represented, and their various interests protected in the Legislature, for the purpose of electing delegates therein, the city of Baltimore shall be divided into ten districts, as follows: The first and second wards, as now laid off, shall constitute district No. 1. the third and fourth wards district No. 2, the fifth and sixth wards district No. 3, the seventh and eighth wards district No. 4, the ninth and tenth wards No. 5, the eleventh and twelfth wards No. 6, the thirteenth and fourteenth wards No. 7, the fifteenth and sixteenth wards No. 8, the seventeenth and eighteenth wards No. 9, the nineteenth and twentieth wards No. 10. And every county having a representation of three or more members in the House of Delegates, shall by the General Assembly be divided into as many districts as the county is entitled to delegates, and numbered as such, and the qualified voters in each of said districts, shall at the time and in the manner, in which delegates are chosen, elect one delegate, who has been for one year, next before his election, a resident of the ward from which he shall be elected, and has in all other respects, the requisite qualifications of a delegate. And the residence in the district, requisite to give a right of suffrage in voting for delegates, shall be six months next preceding the election. But in case any voter otherwise qualified, shall have resided less than six months in the district of his then residence, he shall not thereby wholly lose his right to vote at the then pending election; but shall be entitled to cast his vote for a delegate in the district in which he may have resided for the six months next preceding his removal to the district of his existing residence. And the Legislature may pass all laws necessary to carry into effect this article of the Constitution.

Art. 3. Of the sixty-two members constituting the House of Delegates, Allegany county shall elect three, Anne Arundel county three, Baltimore city ten, Baltimore county four, Carroll county three, Caroline county two, Calvert county two, Cecil county two, Charles county two, Dorchester county two, Frederick county four, Harford county two, Howard county two, Kent county two, Montgomery county two, Prince George's county three, Queen Anne's county two, St. Mary's county two, Somerset county