

this unit of representation, and assigning to the counties having the largest fractions one additional member until the whole reaches eighty members, the above apportionment is obtained ;

Which, with the resolutions,

On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Was referred to the Committee on the Basis of Representation.

The resolution submitted by Mr. Negley, on Tuesday, in reference to representation,

Was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Stockbridge,

The said resolution was referred to the Committee on the Basis of Representation.

Mr. Nyman submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Legislative Department inquire into the propriety of abolishing the clause in our present Constitution disqualifying any Minister or Preacher of any denomination from being eligible as Senator or Delegate ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stockbridge submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Rights, Duties, Divisions and Sub-divisions of Counties, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the several counties of the State into Wards or Townships, in place of the present Election Districts ; such Wards or Townships to be permanent political incorporations, and vested with all powers necessary for their local government ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Belt submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That if the principle contained in the resolution of the gentleman from Washington county, be correct, in ascertaining that, under a republican system, population is the true basis of representation, excluding all classes not endowed with the right of suffrage, then the authors of the Constitution of the United States were uninformed of the principles of republicanism, in that they admitted all free persons, and