

section, the question will be first taken upon the amendment of the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Blackiston.)

Mr. HEBB. I now call for the previous question.

The demand for the previous question being seconded, the question was—"shall the main question be ordered?"

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I am exceedingly sorry, after we have been limited to fifteen minute speeches, gentlemen should attempt to gag us by the application of the previous question. I call for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were accordingly ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 48, nays 30—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—48.

*Nays*—Messrs. Berry, of Prince George's, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Duvall, Edelen, Harwood, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Peter, Smith, of Dorchester, Wilmer—30.

The main question was accordingly ordered.

The question then recurred upon the amendment of Mr. BLACKISTON, to give Kent county two delegates instead of one.

Upon this question Mr. BLACKISTON called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 32, nays 45—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Berry, of Prince George's, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Dail, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Duvall, Edelen, Harwood, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parran, Peter, Smith, of Dorchester, Wilmer—32.

*Nays*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Keefer, Kennard, King, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Schley,

Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—45.

The amendment was accordingly rejected. Mr. RIDGELY, when his name was called, said:

I shall vote against this amendment for the reason that I consider, in the distribution of legislative power arranged by this report of the majority of the committee, that the small counties of the State are very especially favored, whilst the large counties of the State are inequitably dealt with. In my judgment, the greater complement should come from my county (Baltimore county) for instance, rather than from any of the small counties. It is true that Kent county gets but one delegate now. But it is in a condition, according to the ratio of progress provided in this report, to very soon obtain another; while my county can probably never obtain any larger delegation, under any circumstances. I vote "no."

The question recurred upon the amendment submitted by Mr. CLARKE, as amended on motion of Mr. THOMAS, as follows:

Section 3. Strike out all after the word "the," in first line, and insert the words:

"Legislature, at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, and at its first session after the returns of each national census are published under the authority of Congress, shall apportion the members of the house of delegates among the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, according to the white population of each, provided the whole number of delegates shall never exceed eighty-five members, and provided that each county and said city shall be divided into separate election districts of compact contiguous territory, the qualified voters in each of which districts shall, at the time and in the manner in which delegates are chosen, elect one delegate, who has for one year next before his election been a resident of the district from which he shall be elected. The apportionment of the delegates among the several counties and the city of Baltimore shall remain the same as provided by the present constitution, until the second election held for members of the house of delegates after the adoption of this constitution; and the general assembly shall hereafter elect United States Senators and all officers who are elected by the legislature, by a concurrent vote of the two houses, and not by joint ballot."

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 20, nays 57—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Davis, of Charles, Duvall, Edelen, Harwood, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Lansdale, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Wickard—20.