

ted States, who have been in the recent battles, some of whom have been killed, and many of whom have been wounded. The counties that have furnished these men, should receive credit for them. There should be some way of ascertaining this matter.— And if this subject is postponed, I trust that before it again comes up for consideration, we will be enabled to have some definite information from the proper authorities as to how this matter stands.

Mr. ABBOTT. Has the county of Somerset offered any bounty for troops?

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. No, sir; the county has offered no bounty, but she has filled her quota, either in person or by substitute.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I will give one reason why I think it would be wise to postpone the further consideration of this subject. It is admitted on all sides that great injustice has been done to the State of Maryland. But we want the data before we come to a just conclusion. The object of postponing is to have that data before us. I propose to follow up the postponement with the motion that a committee of three or five be appointed to make the necessary inquiry in order to obtain from the proper authority the requisite information. The gentleman from Baltimore city proposes to hurry this thing through without that information.

Mr. CUSHING. I propose to vote it down in this convention.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. He proposes to vote it down. He says it is all just and proper that whatever number Prince George's county has furnished should be credited to the whole State. Now is that proper? Does he forget that the quota of every county and district in the State is fixed by the provost marshal? Does he forget that each county and each district in each county has to furnish the number allotted to it? I should say there was not the slightest justice in crediting the number to the whole State; that it was contrary to the spirit of the law. The law enacts that each county should be credited with whatever recruits it may furnish to the army. I say it would be not only unjust, but contrary to the law. Before I conclude I propose for a moment to refer to the negro population of our county.

Mr. STIRLING. What is the use of postponing this subject, if we are going to take up all the morning in discussing it?

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I do not propose to discuss it all the morning.

Mr. STIRLING. I do not refer to the gentleman from Prince George's (Mr. Berry) in particular. I refer to all.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I do not mean to discuss the question now. I only desire to say that the negro population of our county was 12,479; and I am satisfied that of that number 5,000 able-bodied negro men have been taken for the army. We have,

therefore, furnished enough able-bodied negro men to fill the quota for our entire congressional district.

The question was then taken upon postponing informally the preamble and resolution submitted by Mr. MABURY, and it was agreed to.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, then submitted the following:

*Ordered*, That a committee of three be appointed by the president to correspond with the proper authorities, and furnish this convention with the number of recruits, both white and black, which have been received into the service of the United States, from the several counties of the State, and the city of Baltimore, and also the number credited to the said counties and city respectively."

Mr. CHAMBERS. I would suggest to my friend to have one committee man from each congressional district.

Mr. STIRLING. I am opposed to sending a committee to Washington. It is the governor's business to look after this matter. I do not understand that he has made any publication of wrong having been done. I offer the following amendment: strike out all after the word "ordered," and insert—

"That the governor is hereby requested to furnish this convention with any information he may have as to the quota of the State, and the credits that have been given for inhabitants of the State, white or black, who have been enlisted in the service of the United States."

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. The governor could not possibly give us information of the number received into the service of the United States. That we can only get from the provost marshals and the authorities at Washington. My order does not contemplate the sending a committee to Washington; only to correspond with the proper authorities.

Mr. ABBOTT called for the previous question.

The call was sustained, and the main question was ordered.

The question was upon the substitute submitted by Mr. STIRLING.

The question being taken, upon a division—yeas 34, noes 27—the substitute was adopted.

The question then recurred upon the order of Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's as amended.

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

The question being then taken by yeas and nays, it resulted—yeas 38, nays 33—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Berry, of Prince George's, Billingsley, Blackiston, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Davis, of Charles, Dennis, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Gale, Hodson, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Lee, Mace,