

do not choose to listen to it, they can do as they please.

The PRESIDENT. The convention will come to order. Members will take their seats.

Mr. SANDS resumed: I was just going to say I hope our friends will not exhibit so much of the spirit of the late Charleston convention here; that if they cannot have matters entirely their own way, they will not threaten to fly off and request something else unreasonable. Here is Kent county nearly up to the standard. My friend from Frederick proposes to leave it to the next legislature; so that we shall be necessitated to have an entire State enumerated, simply to give Kent an additional member. Is that wise? I shall vote to give another member to Kent county, and another to Baltimore county, and there I shall stop; believing that these two counties are actual cases of hardship.

This rule of adopting the absolute ratio of population does very well in the large cities; but how does it operate upon the counties? It goes right out of Baltimore city, and applies city rules, based upon a large floating population, to the large counties, so as to bring down a population of fifty or sixty thousand souls almost upon a level with a population of twenty-five thousand. I do not think we ought to hold on to any such arbitrary rules, where they work injustice.—I shall with great pleasure vote for the motion of the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Hollyday,) and if Baltimore county makes a claim for another member I will vote for that; but I do not believe that any other county is in a condition to urge any claim for another.

Mr. MAYHUGH demanded the yeas and nays.

Mr. CLARKE. Is the question upon opening the section?

The PRESIDENT. The question is upon opening the section for the purpose of making the amendment proposed by the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Hollyday) to give Kent county an additional member.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. RIDGELY. Is the proposition before the house subject to enlargement or amendment?

The PRESIDENT. I rather think not.

Mr. STIRLING. Any other amendment can be offered afterwards.

The PRESIDENT. Any amendment can be offered to this amendment for the purpose of perfecting it.

Mr. STIRLING. If the house decides not to let this amendment in, any other member can move to open it for any other amendment, and it can be opened for that if the house consent to it.

The PRESIDENT. Yes, sir; they must consent to each amendment.

Mr. CLARKE. Is it not in order to amend the amendment of the gentleman from Kent, so as to extend the proposition to all the counties having one representative?

The PRESIDENT. No, sir; it must be an amendment to the particular proposition of the gentleman from Kent.

Mr. RIDGELY. We can make a similar proposition for another county, I understand, only through a similar motion.

The PRESIDENT. Yes, sir; the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Hollyday) moves to open the report for a particular purpose. No other amendment than to accomplish that particular purpose will be admitted.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 45, nays 24—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Daniel, Dellinger, Dennis, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Greene, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Todd—45.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audouin, Baker, Barron, Belt Brooks, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Washington, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Keefer, Mayhugh, McComas, Murray, Negley, Russell, Schley, Valliant, Wickard—24.

The PRESIDENT. Under the fifty-third rule the consent of the majority of the members elected to the convention is required. The motion therefore is lost.

Mr. PUGH. I move a reconsideration of the vote; I voted in the majority.

The motion was seconded by Messrs. SANDS and TODD.

Mr. MAYHUGH demanded the yeas and nays on the question of reconsideration; and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 49, nays 22—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Belt, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Clarke, Daniel, Dellinger, Dennis, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hodson, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Miller, Morgan, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Sands, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Valliant, Wooda—49.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audouin, Baker, Barron, Brooks, Cunningham, Cushing, Davis, of Washington, Farrow, Hatch, Hebb, Keefer, Mayhugh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Russell, Schley, Stockbridge, Wickard—22.

The vote was accordingly reconsidered.

The question recurring upon the motion to open the section for the amendment proposed by the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Hollyday.)

Mr. PUGH. I move to suspend the fifty-third rule.