

whether Kent county has been a party to any such arrangement.

Mr. THOMAS. I would relieve the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers) by saying—

The PRESIDENT. No explanations are in order except strictly to explain votes.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I vote "no."

Mr. DANIEL. After having voted for this amendment in the beginning, because I believed the principle was right, without any reference to any compromise or promise of any sort; and not having seen any reason to change that opinion, though I am somewhat sorely tempted to change my vote, on account of the speeches of gentlemen here, and the attacks upon Baltimore, still I vote "no" upon the reconsideration.

Mr. DENT. I desire only to say that I heard here to-day for the first time that there had been any pledge made, by those who voted to give Kent county an additional delegate, to give any to any other county. Nor did I ever hear that it was contemplated by Baltimore county to ask for an additional delegate, until the member from that county (Mr. Ridgely) made the motion here. So I do not vote in reference to any such agreement, never having heard it from any source, until I heard it announced on the floor here. I voted for the additional delegate to Kent county and did so in good faith, although I did not care much about it, because I did not think it would make a great deal of difference. On this motion to reconsider I vote "no."

Mr. HOLLYDAY. I will state that if there was any arrangement made, such as has been spoken of here, I do not know with whom it was made. I made no arrangement with anybody. I told gentlemen that I wished to have another delegate for Kent county. The gentleman from Howard (Mr. Sands) told me that he thought we were entitled to it, and that he would do all he could to get it for us. As for any promises to vote for any other county, I never made any. As I think we are really entitled to, and as I said before I think we have more than the number required should a census be taken to-morrow, I shall vote "no" on this question.

Mr. MAYHUGH. I saw the humbug of this thing, when we started out. It was a great deal like the fable of the spider and the fly.—The spider has got the fly now, and is trying to get away. I think gentlemen should have considered this matter before they voted it through. I most sincerely hope this vote may be reconsidered, for I think it is unjust. I vote "aye."

Mr. MILLER. In explanation of the vote I shall give, I will say this: In the debate upon this report while on its second reading, I pointed out as one of the great matters of injustice wrought by this arbitrary rule, that it gave Kent county but one delegate, when she lacked but one hundred and fifty-three white inhabitants to bring her within the rule

allowing two delegates, while Caroline county with only two hundred and forty-seven more white inhabitants than Kent county, was allowed two delegates. I voted to give Kent county the additional delegate upon the assurance of gentlemen that she now had inhabitants enough to bring her within the rule. I vote "no" on this question.

Mr. PUGH. I generally try to vote upon every question upon its merits. I may fail to do so sometimes, but I try to do so. I voted to give Kent county two delegates, because in my opinion I was not thereby violating the practical application of this rule, and I am not disposed now to retrace my steps. I vote "no."

Mr. SANDS. I deem a word necessary in justification of myself, in reply to remarks made by my friend from Kent (Mr. Hollyday,) and he will bear witness to the truth of what I say. I do not think we ever had a conversation about this matter of Kent county, that I did not also instance Baltimore county, and say that I was in favor of giving each of them an additional delegate. And I did vote—without there being any compact at all, which I distinctly declare there was not so far as I am concerned—I did certainly vote for Kent county, with the full conviction made upon my mind by the conversation I had in regard to it, that Baltimore county had equal claims. I endeavor to act out my views fairly and deliberately, and I must then be allowed to judge what is my proper course of conduct, when having performed my share of the work. I find gentlemen on the other side of the house failing in what I expected of them. I vote "aye" on the question of reconsideration.

Mr. SCOTT. I generally leave my votes to explain themselves. But in explanation of this vote, I will say that having voted in good faith for an additional member to Kent county, because I believed that if a new enumeration were made to-day she would be found to have the population to entitle her to it, I shall vote "no" on this question.

Mr. THOMAS. I desire to say in explanation of my vote, that when this question of representation first came before the convention, I voted for the report, as it was originally made, under protest. The recollection of members of this convention, and the record of debates will bear me out in that statement. Coming here as I did to get representation according to population, I strove my best to get it, and then took what I did as the best I could get.

So far as any pledges from the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Hollyday) were concerned, I will say that he never did pledge himself to me to vote to give another delegate to Baltimore county, nor did the other gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers.)

Mr. CHAMBERS. Or converse upon the subject.