

But the bill, passed at a time when only "the white male citizens" of the State were entitled to the elective franchise, very properly confined the ballot to them in the election of the Town Commissioners of Chestertown.

Now that since its passage by the General Assembly, but before it could have become a law by my signature, the franchise has been extended to the colored race by the Fifteenth Amendment, which our State laws will doubtless be amended to conform to. I am confident the General Assembly will desire to so amend the bill as to make its provisions compatible with those of the Federal Constitution, which Article 2 of our own Bill of Rights declares "shall be the supreme law of the State."

ODEN BOWIE.

Which was read.

The bill entitled an Act to amend the Public Local Laws of Kent county, title, "Chestertown," by repealing section 35, and to re-enact the same as amended,

Was then read.

The question then recurring upon the reconsideration of the bill under provisions of the Constitution, section 17, Article 2, the bill was reconsidered.

The question then recurring upon the passage of the Act over the veto of the Governor,

The yeas and nays were called and appeared, as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs.	Touchstone,	Sword,
Mitchell,	Brown,	Wilson, of Alle.,
Chapman,	Purnell,	Myers,
Hardcastle, of Tal.,	Bowlus,	Winters,
Brattan,	Kirk,	Merrick—16.
Harrington,	Murdock,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.	Owens,	Morse,
Latrobe, Speaker,	Marbury,	Blake,
Loker,	Duvall,	Webb,
Beck,	Thomas, of Q. A.,	McLane,
Wilmer,	Dennis,	Gardner,
Kilbourn,	Thomas, of Fred.,	Hilton,
Baldwin, of A. A.,	Ritter,	Watkins,
Duke,	Harris,	Standish,
Cameron,	Ady,	Showers,
Shipley,	Baldwin, of Har.,	Jordan,
Gatch,	Hardcastle, of Car.,	Crouse,
Choate,	Garey,	Gorman,
Turner,	Hamilton,	Crawford,
Hammond,	Cooper,	Gordy—42.
Lankford,		