

alteration, emendation or change, in any of those parts, articles, sections or provisions of the existing Constitution and Bill of Rights which give to the people the power of electing the principal officers of the several departments of the government under the same, and which recognize the extension of popular rights in that regard, which was inaugurated by the movements that resulted in the adoption of the present Constitution.

Section 15. And be it enacted, That the said convention, if it shall assemble in pursuance of this act, shall have no power or authority, directly or indirectly, in any manner whatever, to alter, amend or change, or to recommend any alteration, emendation or change in any of those parts, articles, sections or provisions of the existing constitution and Bill of Rights, which establish the city of Annapolis as the Seat of Government.

Section 16. And be it enacted, As the express and undoubted meaning of this act, that, in reference to the taking the sense of the people on the first Wednesday of May next, as hereinbefore provided, this act shall be construed as follows, and in no other way, namely: That it is the express meaning of this act only to authorise a vote by the people on the first Wednesday of May next, as to the expediency of calling the convention aforesaid as a body that is to be necessarily limited in its powers to the extent of the exceptions, limitations and denial of powers herein recited. And the ballots to be cast on the said day "for" "or" against the convention, as hereinbefore provided, shall be held, taken and deemed to signify only the wishes, opinions and will of the people, favorable or unfavorable, as the case may be, as to the calling a convention limited and restricted in the respects aforesaid, it being the express and deliberate intention of this act that the only question before the people on the said first Wednesday in May, shall be the expediency of calling a convention limited as aforesaid.

The question being upon the first section of said amendment,

It was not assented to.

The question then being on the second section of said amendment,

The yeas and nays were demanded and appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Morgan,	Grieves,	Smith, of B. city,
Neale,	Davis,	Kennard,
Mackubin,	Ford, of Cecil,	Crowley,