

McKaig, Hammill, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Shaw, Stull and Powder.—34.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Thomas, of St. Mary's, Spencer, Tilden, Hollyday, Murray, Alnutt, Dalrymple, Reeder, Bowdle, Arringdale, Thomas, of Talbot, Lankford, Philips, Dennis, Dail, Chaplain, Owen, Wooten, Harrison, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Nail, Potter, McKnett, Mann, Trundle, Kilgour, Waters, of Montgomery and Ecker.—35.

So the bill was rejected.

On motion of Mr. Yellott,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by him from the committee on Ways and Means entitled, an act to provide for the registry of free negroes and mulattoes.

On motion of Mr. Carey,

Said bill was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

The House proceeded to consider the order of the day, being the bill reported by him as chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, entitled, an act to create a State board of equalization, with power to equalize the value of property in this State, directed to be assessed and valued under the act for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, passed at March session 1841, chapter 23.

Mr. Murray moved to amend said bill by striking out in the first section fourth line the words "each Congressional District," and inserting in lieu thereof, "Howard District of Anne Arundel county, one person resident in the city of Baltimore, and one person resident in each county."

Mr. Stewart moved to postpone said bill until the 14th of February ;

Resolved in the affirmative,

The House then proceeded to consider the second order of the day, being the bill reported by Mr. Cathell entitled, an act to reduce the number of members in the House of Delegates.

The said bill having been read through.

Mr. Lynch moved to amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following ;

Section 1. Be it enacted, "That at the election for delegates to the General Assembly, for the December session of the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-five, and at each succeeding election for delegates, until this act is amended or repealed, four delegates shall be elected in and for Baltimore city, four delegates in and for Baltimore county, four delegates in and for Frederick county, four delegates in and for Anne Arundel county, four delegates in and for Washington county, and three delegates in and for Allegany county, and three delegates in and for each of the several counties respectively, next hereinafter mentioned, to wit : Dorchester, Somerset, Worcester, Prince George's, Harford, Montgomery,