

Mr. Phelps rose to a point of order, that the previous question having been called and sustained by the House, it was not in order to entertain a motion;

Mr. Potter (being in the chair,) gave it as his opinion, and so decided that the motion to reconsider was in order.

From which decision Mr. Phelps appealed.

The question was then put,

"Shall the opinion of the chair stand as the judgment of the House?"

Resolved in the affirmative

The question was then put,

"Will the House reconsider their vote upon the previous question?"

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Owen,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Murray, Johnson, Warfield, Alnutt, Dalrymple, Reeder, Carroll jr., Welsh, Poultney, Bowdle, Arringale, Thomas of Talbot, Waters, of Somerset, Stewart, Dail, Cropper, Owen, Ghiselin, Shriver, Hopkins, Curley, Carey, Stansbury of Baltimore city, Mann, Wade, Hollman, Fitzpatrick, Shaw, Stull and Powder.—30.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Hopewell, Spencer, Tilden, Hollyday, Ligon, Weems, Freeman, Lankford, Philips, Dennis, Phelps, Chaplain, Lackland, Harris, Calvert, Harrison, Temples, Earickson, Purnell, Hearn, Franklin, Cathell, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Nail, Polk, Yellott, Stephenson, Potter, McKnett, Keene, Weber, Trundle, Kilgour, Griffith, McKaig, Hammill, Smith and Ecker—40.

So the House refused to reconsider their vote.

On motion of Mr. Poultney,

The Sergeant at Arms was sent with the mace after the absent members to compel their attendance in the House, the roll being first called, and a list of the absent members placed in his hands.

After being absent for some time, the Sergeant at Arms returned and reported, that he had notified the absent members to be in attendance.

Messrs. Semmes and Boteler, whom he saw, requested him to state to the Speaker, that they were confined by indisposition, and could not attend, all the remaining members on the list were in attendance.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

The House suspended further proceedings under the call.

The question was then put, on the passage of the bill entitled, an act to alter and amend the Constitution and Form of Government of the State of Maryland, so as to substitute biennial for annual sessions of the Legislature, and

Determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Kilgour,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows: