On motion of Mr. Calvert,

The House resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session, during the absence of the doorkeeper.

On motion of Mr. Calvert,

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the morning, being the resolutions submitted by Mr. Semmes, on the 15th January, and the amendments offered thereto in relation to carrying into effect resolution No. 8, of 1840, and the substitute offered therefor by Mr. Powder.

On the question being put,

"Will the House accept the substitute?"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Powder,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Alnutt, Weems, Walker, Poultney, Lackland, Owen, Harris, Shriver, Stephenson, Keene, Stansbury, jr., of Baltimore city, Boteler, Fitzpatrick, Shaw, Stull and Powder.—16.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Watson, (Speaker,) Hopewell, Spencer, Hollyday, Murray, Thomas, of Anne Arundel, Johnson, Warfield, Dalrymple, Reeder, Bowdle, Arringdale, Thomas, of Talbot, Lankford, Waters, of Somerset, Philips, Stewart, Chaplain, Cropper, Calvert, Wootten, Semmes, Ghiselin, Harrison, Temples. Hearn, Franklin, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas, of Frederick, Naill, Yellott Hopkins, Potter, McKnett, Curley, Carey, Mann, Weber, Wade, Hollman, Trundle, Kilgour, Griffith, Waters, of Montgomery, McKaig, Hammill, Smith and Ecker.—49.

So the House refused to accept the substitute.

The question was then put on the motion of Mr. Cathell, to amend the resolutions offered by Mr. Semmes, as an amendment by striking out "four and inserting in lieu thereof "two;"

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Thomas of St. Mary's, Hopewell, Spencer, Warfield, Alnutt, Weems, Dalrymple, Walker, Carroll jr., Stansbury of Baltimore county, Poultney, Bowdle, Arringdale, Thomas of Talbot, Lankford, Waters of Somerset, Philips, Stewart, Lackland, Cropper, Owen, Harris, Harrison, Temples, Shriver, Stephenson, Potter, McKnett, Keene, Curley, Stansbury jr. of Baltimore city, Mann, Boteler, Wade, Hollman, Trundle, Hammill, Fitzpatrick, Ecker, Shaw, Stull and Powder.—42.

NEGATIVE — Messrs. Watson (Speaker,) Hollyday, Murray, Thomas of A A., Johnson, Chapman, Reeder, Chaplain, Calvert, Wootten, Semmes, Ghiselin, Hearn, Franklin, Buckey, Lynch, Thomas of Frederick, Naill, Polk, Yellott, Hopkins, Carey, Weber, Kilgour, Griffith, Waters of Montgomery, McKaig and Smith.—28.

So the amendment was adopted.