

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Tuck moved to amend said 10th section of the amendment, by striking out in the 2d line thereof, the word 'next,' and inserting after the word 'census, the words 'of the year 1850.'

Mr. Hopewell moved to amend said amendment, by striking out the 10th section, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

And be it enacted, That, at the session of the General Assembly next after the official promulgation of the census which shall be taken in the year 1850, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution of the United States, and at the session of the General Assembly next after the official promulgation of every second census thereafter, taken in accordance with the requirements of the constitution of the United States, there shall be a new apportionment of delegates amongst the several counties and city herein before enumerated, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, three-fifths of all other persons, upon the following basis: each county shall have three delegates; and each county having fifteen thousand inhabitants, estimated as is provided in this section, shall have one additional delegate, and one other additional delegate for each additional fifteen thousand inhabitants; and the city of Baltimore shall always have the same representation in the House of Delegates as the most populous county in this State; but no city or county shall have more than six delegates, and no county shall have less than three delegates.

Which was read.

The question was first put on the amendment as offered by Mr. Tuck, to strike out the word 'next,' and inserting after the word 'census,' the words 'of the year 1850;' and

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Hopewell, to strike out the 10th section, and insert the amendment as offered by him.

Mr. Hicks called for a division of the question, which was put on striking out, and

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Hopewell,