

Mr. Harris moved to amend said bill, by inserting as the 10th section thereof, the following—

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That the relation of master and slave in this State shall in no case be affected, unless a bill-so to affect the same shall be passed by three fourths of the whole number of both branches of the General Assembly, (and be published at least three months before a new election,) and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly at the first constitutional session after such new election, by three fourths of both branches of the General Assembly.

Which was read.

Mr. Tuck moved to amend said amendment, by striking out from the words "General Assembly," to the end thereof; Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Harris;

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Dawson moved to amend said bill, by striking out in the 4th section, 2d line, these words, "the year 1850, and at the expiration of every twenty years thereafter," and inserting in lieu thereof the following—

"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."

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Dawson, moved further to amend said bill, by inserting before the proviso in fourth section, the following:

"Upon the following basis—each county shall have three delegates, and the city of Annapolis one delegate, 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 ever have more than six delegates, and no county, shall ever have less than three delegates."

Which was read.

Mr. Eccleston, moved to amend said bill, by striking out "three," and inserting "two;"

Determined in the negative.