

On motion by Mr. Maulsby, the question was put to William Dossey, as follows: "Who did you vote for as delegates to the general assembly for Calvert county at the last election?" Who answered, he was not obliged to tell, and refused to answer said question.

Mr. Boyle having asked James Gray for whom he voted at the last Calvert election? He answered, that he did not think he was bound to tell, and refused to answer said question.

On motion by Mr. Boyle, the house adjourns until to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 27, 1820.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill for the revaluation of real and personal property in the several counties therein mentioned, and the bill for the re-valuation of real and personal property in Montgomery county, were sent to the senate.

On motion by Mr Lecompte, the following order was read:

Ordered, That the following be entered as a part of the proceedings of yesterday: "The speaker presented to the house the memorial of James J. Bowen, and others, witnesses attending at the bar of the house, to give testimony touching their votes at the late Calvert election, protesting against the right of the house of delegates, or any other tribunal, extracting from them the names of the persons for whom they voted at the late election, and praying the assistance of counsel, if the house determine to examine them."

On motion by Mr. Montgomery, the question was put, That the word "memorial" be stricken out for the purpose of inserting the word "protest?" The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.						
Mr Speaker	C Stewart	Showers	Duvall	Iiams	Hardcastle	Keller
E Browne	Hayward	Mackey	Boyle	Hawkins	Willis	Gabby
Brooke	Stevens	Maffett	Harrison	Maulsby	Whitely	Kennedy
Marriott	N Martin	Patten	Hollingsworth	Norris	Montgomery	Tomlinson
T W Hall	Orrick	Cross	Nicholson	H Hall	Breckenridge	W Price
Wyvill	A H Price	R T Hall	Quinton	Forwood	Schnebly	Greenwell 42
NEGATIVE.						
Key	J F Browne	Dorsey	Dennis	Lucas	Somervell	Washington
Millard	Spencer	Garner	King	Griffith	Ross	Forrest
Blakistone	Weems	Dashiell	Lecompte	Jackson	Gaither	Blair 24
Plater	Stonestreet	Polk				

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said order as amended? The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

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Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Forrest, the following was read:

Whereas the following paper to wit:

James J. Bowen, a witness now at the bar of the house of delegates of Maryland, to give testimony relative to the late election in Calvert county, protests against the right to extract from him any thing, which may have a tendency to criminate himself, and to subject him to prosecution and punishment. The witness, it has been charged, voted at the late election in Calvert county, and it is alleged was not entitled to a vote, and if he be correctly informed, he is now before the house of delegates to prove that he did vote and for whom he voted.

The right of the witness to vote at that election, he confidently insists upon; at the same time, however, he contends, that no person, or constituted authority, legislative or judicial, can demand of him to answer, whether he voted at all, or for whom he did vote. The constitution has expressly provided, that the free citizens of the state shall be at liberty to vote without being obliged to make it known for whom they voted; and any attempt which is made by the house of delegates, or elsewhere, to extort from him any information relative thereto, he considers it to be a duty which he owes to himself as a free man of Maryland, and to the free citizens of the state, at whatever hazard it may be done, to protest against and resist.

The witness is not unapprized that it may be said the question, whether he was entitled to a vote, has been decided by the house of delegates; but he is advised, and he trusts all must be convinced, that that decision, whatever influence it may have in the house of delegates, and upon the return of the judges of election, does not in any way affect him. If a prosecution should be commenced against him for having voted, when he was not entitled to vote, the decision of the house will not even be the slightest evidence to the proper tribunal, that he was not a constitutional voter. The question then, whether he be a voter or not, so far as it concerns himself, is one which the house of delegates cannot decide either in his favour or against him; and in that house he is not bound to defend himself against the charge of having given an illegal vote, and he has not been invited to furnish any proof of his right to a vote.

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