

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, interposed and said, that the report had been finally acted upon, and it was not in order, therefore, to offer an additional section.

Mr. RICAUD said he would then give notice that he would hereafter move a reconsideration of the vote by which the report had been adopted, with a view to enable him to offer an additional section. And, by way of argument, he would read the section.

The section was read, as follows :

Sec. 8 The several State's Attorneys, before discharging the duties of their office, shall, at the term of the county or city court next succeeding their election, or in case of appointments by the court, then at the term of the court of their appointment, shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland, with security to be approved by said county or city court, in the penalty of thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful payment into the treasury of the State of all sums of public money that shall be received by them respectively."

Some explanation followed on the part of Messrs. BOWIE, RICAUD, CHAMBERS, of Kent, and DORSEY, when

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, said, there was no question before the Convention.

The notice of Mr. RICAUD was ordered to be entered on the journal.

There being no morning business before the Convention, the PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, announced the unfinished business of yesterday.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

The Convention thereupon resumed the consideration of the special order of the day, being the several reports of the committee on representation.

The state of the question was this:

Mr. SCHLEY had yesterday moved to amend the report of Mr. MERRICK by inserting in place of the second section stricken out, the following:

"Shall consist of sixty-seven members, to be apportioned among the several counties, according to the following ratio: Every county shall elect one delegate for every seven thousand souls, it may contain, and for any fraction above half of said number, there shall be allowed to every county having such excess, one additional delegate. The city of Baltimore shall be entitled to the same number of delegates as the county which shall be entitled to the largest representation, and no county shall have less than two delegates."

And Mr. DORSEY had offered as a substitute for said amendment, the following:

Article 2. The House of Delegates shall, until altered by the Legislature as hereinafter provided for, consist of eighty-three members; to be apportioned amongst the counties and city of Baltimore, as follows: one delegate to each county and the city of Baltimore as the representative of the territory thereof; and one delegate for every eight thousand of its inhabitants, and one for every fraction thereof exceeding four thousand, until the entire population of the county or city,

to the number of forty thousand shall be represented; and for every thirty thousand inhabitants of any county or the city of Baltimore, above the said forty thousand one additional delegate shall be elected in such county or city. And after every decennial census, the General Assembly of Maryland shall adjust the representation in the House of Delegates according to the principles contained in this article of the Constitution. And in order that each and every portion of the city of Baltimore may be fairly represented, and its various interests protected in the Legislature; for the purpose of electing delegates therein, the city of Baltimore shall be divided into ten districts, as follows: The first and second wards as now laid off, shall constitute District No. 1; the third and fourth wards, District No. 2; the fifth and sixth wards, District No. 3; the seventh and eighth wards, District No. 4; the ninth and tenth wards, Districts No. 5; the eleventh and twelfth wards, District No. 6; the thirteenth and fourteenth wards, District No. 7; the fifteenth and sixteenth wards, District No. 8; the seventeenth and eighteenth wards, District No. 9; and the nineteenth and twentieth wards, District No. 10. The qualified voters in each of said districts shall at the time and in the manner, in which delegates are chosen, elect one delegate, who has been for one year next before his election a resident of the ward from which he shall be elected; and has in all other respects the requisite qualifications of a delegate.

Art. 3. Of the eighty-three members constituting the House of Delegates, Allegany county elect four, Anne Arundel county four, Baltimore city ten, Baltimore county six, Carroll county four, Caroline county two, Calvert county two, Cecil county three, Charles county three, Dorchester county three, Frederick county six, Harford county three, Howard county three, Kent county two, Montgomery county three, Prince George's county four, Queen Anne's county three, St. Mary's county three, Somerset county four, Talbot county three, Washington county five, and Worcester county three.

Mr. BLAKISTONE was entitled to the floor.

Mr. BLAKISTONE said :

Mr. President:—Before proceeding to discuss the question now before the Convention, I feel it alike due to myself and the Convention, that I should return my thanks for the courtesy extended to me in adjourning last evening, for the purpose of enabling me to present to the consideration of the Convention, the views I entertain upon the subject matter under consideration.—And, sir, I feel it also necessary that I should assign the reasons which induced me to ask their indulgence, from the fact that I had been almost a circumnavigator of the State of Maryland. I had travelled some five hundred miles in steamboats, since leaving this city, and was not in very good condition to proceed to a discussion of the question. Before, however, I proceed to a discussion, I would say to the members of the Convention, as a Marylander, that they ought to divest themselves, as much as possible, of their local partialities and prejudices, as well as