

Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Balt. city, Brent of Balt. city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Presstman, Ware, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke, Shower, Cockey, and Brown—62.

So the Convention refused to lay the whole subject on the table.

The question again recurred on two o'clock, and it was agreed to.

So the Convention decided that the debate should terminate on Friday next at two o'clock.

Mr. BROWN moved to amend said order by adding at the end thereof the following :

"But that five minutes be allowed for explanation to any member offering any proposition or amendment."

The amendment was agreed to.

And the order as amended was adopted.

Mr. JAMES U. DENNIS submitted the following order :

Ordered, That no member of this Convention be allowed to speak more than thirty minutes upon the question of Representation.

Which was read.

Mr. D. remarked that hitherto the debate had been mainly confined to two or three members on one side of the *House*.

Some desultory discussion followed on the part of MESSRS. DENNIS, PHELPS, MERRICK, HOWARD, and JENIFER. (chiefly as to the time occupied by members on one or the other side of the Representation question.)

The PRESIDENT announced that the hour designated for the consideration of the special order of the day had arrived.

On motion of Mr. MITCHELL, the consideration of the special order was postponed, that the Convention might proceed with the pending business.

Mr. PHELPS moved to amend the order by inserting *one* hour.

Mr. J. U. DENNIS, by way of compromise, (he said,) modified his proposition so as to read forty-five minutes.

Mr. DAVIS said :

That in the course of the proceedings of this Convention, the example of other States, and, amongst them, of the State of Virginia, had been held up to their view. The last time he left the city, on his way home, he had met a distinguished member of the Virginia Convention, now in session, and had had a good deal of conversation with him as to the proceedings of that body. The question which this Convention was now discussing, was the great, engrossing topic which was now occupying the attention of the Virginia Convention also. The gentleman stated that the question had already been discussed three weeks, and that it was probable the debate would continue three or four weeks longer. It had been conducted with great regularity and harmony—the floor having been awarded alternately to gentlemen on the one and the other side of the question, without any departure from that rule. It was the understanding, that when a gentleman had made an argument on one side of the question,

an opportunity of reply from the other side should immediately be given.

This, he thought, was an example which might be followed here with beneficial results, and it would afford to every gentleman, who desired to express his sentiments, an opportunity to be heard.

The question was then stated to be on striking out "forty-five minutes," and inserting "one hour"

Mr. CHAMBERS asked the yeas and nays,

Which were ordered,

And being taken,

Resulted as follows :

*Affirmative*.—Messrs Morgan, Blakistone, Dent-Hopewell, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Dalrymple, Bond, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Buchanan, Chandler, Ridgely, Williams, Goldsborough, Phelps, Miller, Sprigg, McCubbin, McMaster, Gaither, Magraw, Presstman, Davis, Kilgour, Water and Smith—33.

*Negative*.—Messrs. Chapman, President, Lee, Howard, Bell, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Chambers, of Cecil, McLane, Bowie, Bowling, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Dirickson, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Shriver, Biser, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent, of Baltimore city, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Ware, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—46.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. MERRICK then moved to amend said order by inserting after the word "Convention," in the first line, the words "after to-morrow."

Pending this question,

The Convention, on motion of Mr. SMITH, passed to the consideration of the special order of the day.

#### BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the several reports of the committees on representation.

The pending question was the same as yesterday.

Mr. DORSEY, by the consent of the Convention, modified his substitute by adding at the end thereof, the following :

"And the residence in the district, requisite to give a right of suffrage in voting for delegates, shall be six months next preceding the election, but in case any vote otherwise qualified shall have resided less than six months in the district of his then residence, he shall not thereby wholly lose his right to vote for a delegate, at the then pending election, but shall be entitled to cast his vote for a delegate in the district in which he may have resided for the six months next preceding his removal to the district of his existing residence, and the Legislature may pass all laws necessary to carry into effect this article of the Constitution."