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Negative—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Sollers, Merrick, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Williams, Hicks, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Johnson, Biser, Sappington, McHenry, Thawley, John Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer and Waters—47.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. SPENCER moved a call of the Convention.

The PRESIDENT. The motion comes too late under the rule.

Mr. BROWN demanded the yeas and nays, which being ordered and taken, resulted as follows:

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Negative—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Blakistone, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Dalrymple, Bond, Sollers, Merrick, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Johnson, Biser, Sappington, McHenry, Thawley, John Newcomer, Michael Newcomer, Kilgour, Brewer and Waters—47.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. SOLLERS moved that the Convention adjourn, which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred on the amendment offered by Mr. JENIFER, as a substitute for the amendment offered by Mr. JOHNSON.

Mr. SPENCER moved an amendment to said amendment, but did not hand it to the Secretary. After reading it, he observed that he would not stop to discuss this question, upon which so much had already been said. He did not intend to make a speech at that time, as he had heretofore indicated his views and wishes. All that he had to say was, that his amendment made no discrimination as to numbers, nor as to the char-

acter of the population represented. It was, he thought, a just compromise; but if the Convention was determined to vote on the various propositions before it, at that time he was, for one, unwilling to vote when benches were empty. Although willing to remain there as long as other gentlemen, yet, if there was to be a vote taken now, on this interesting and important subject, when there were so many members absent, he would move a call of the Convention, because otherwise there would probably be a reconsideration of the vote on Monday morning.

Mr. BLAKISTONE said he wished to make a single remark, with the permission of the chair.

Mr. SOLLERS. I object to it.

Mr. BLAKISTONE asked for a division of the question, when there appeared, yeas 32; noes 35. So the leave was not granted.

Mr. SOLLERS moved that the Convention adjourn, which was agreed to.

And the Convention accordingly adjourned, until Monday morning ten o'clock.

DEFERRED DEBATE.

The following remarks were made by Mr. DORSEY on Monday, March 24th, on the subject of fixing the basis of representation:

Mr. DORSEY said:

He believed, and he thought he was not singular in the opinion, that the city of Baltimore, independently of her representation in the House of Delegates, had an influence in the Legislature of Maryland, equivalent to that which would be possessed by any other portion of the State, whose representation might be equal to one-third part of the entire number of members constituting that body.

With the number of delegates it was now entitled to, its influence was great and powerful indeed. He was glad to see it to a certain extent, but he had no idea of making it so controlling and irresistible, as to prostrate and overwhelm every thing which stood in the way of accomplishment of its designs. He thought it would be unwise to give it any material increase in its delegation, if that delegation was to be elected in the manner they are now chosen. Since the compromise amendments of our Constitution in 1836, and the manifest determination of this Convention to change the House of Delegates from the territorial to the popular branch of the government, he was willing to augment Baltimore's delegation therein. And instead of allowing it, as under the provisions of the existing Constitution, it would have, he was willing by way of compromising this vexed question, instead of having five or six or seven members, he was willing to extend its number to ten.

His object in withholding from Baltimore that augmentation of delegation which it now sought, was as well for its own safety and prosperity, as to shield the counties from its overwhelming influence, and probable or possible aggressions.

Mr. President, all history and experience have