Mr. MERRICK. I implore every gentleman to consider this as a test vote, and so vote upon it.

Mr. THOMAS I should like to say a word. I hope members will not blend questions. This will be with me a test vote against singling out the city of Baltimore, and districting it, when we do not give minorities a representation all over Maryland.

Mr. MERRICK. That is all I meant and desired.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. BUCHANAN, to lay on the table the motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, to take up his proposition, with the following result.

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Chambers of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline Gwinn, Stewart, of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Neill, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—47.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell. Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Bond, Brent of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Johnson, Gaither Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—48.

So the Convention refused to lay the motion on the table.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. CHAMBERS, to proceed to the consideration of his proposition to district the city of Baltimore.

Mr. BRENT, of Baltimore city. Is the question open to debate.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thinks this is a debateable question.

Mr. SPENCER. I rise to a question of order. I understand there is now no question before this body whatever. The representation question has been disposed of, and now there is no subject before us, except the report of the judiciary committee. The only way in which the gentleman from Kent can offer his proposition is by moving to take up the apportionment bill. We must have a subject matter before us upon which to act, and the apportionment bill is the subject with which this matter is connected. I therefore say that we must take it up before we can act.

Mr. CHAMBERS made some remarks which will be published hereafter.

The PRESIDENT. The position of the question is this. The judiciary report was before the Convention, and how? By an express order of the Convention, which gentlemen seem to forget, it was made the special order of the day, and thus overrides every other question. Then that question was postponed, and for what purpose? It was postponed on the motion of the gentleman from Kent, to enable the House to consider his motion to reconsider. That motion has been considered, and is now disposed of. The state of the business then is this, that the Convention must again proceed to the order of the day, unless they take up some other subject. The gentleman from Kent now moves to take up the proposition to district the city of Baltimore, which motion is in order, and must be decided without debate.

The question then recurred on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the proposition of Mr CHAMBERS.

Mr. THOMAS asked the yeas and nays on the motion.

Mr. RIDGELY expressed a desire to say a few words on the subject.

The PRESIDENT stated that the question was not debateable.

The yeas and nays were then ordered on the motion of Mr. CHAMBERS,

And being taken,

Resulted as follows:

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't., Morgan Blakistone, Dent Hopewell Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Weems, Bond, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Jenifer, Ridgely, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Johnson, Gaither, Annan, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Waters and Smith—50.

*Negative*—Messrs. Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, Chambers, of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Spencer, Grason, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Biser, Sappington, Stephenson, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Gwinn, Stewart, of Balt. city, Brent, of Balt. city, Sherwood, of Balt. city, Ware, Neill. Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, Cockey and Brown—45.

So the Convention agreed to consider the proposition to district the city of Baltimore.

Mr. JOHNSON moved to amend the proposition by adding at the end thereof the following:

"And that each county in the State and the city of Baltimore be divided into as many convenient election districts of contiguous territory, and as nearly equal in proportion as may be, as said county may be entitled to members of the House of Delegates, and each of said districts shall be entitled to elect one delegate."

Mr. JOHNSON said:

That inasmuch as the Convention had determined to take up this subject, and as he had heretofore moved to postpone his own proposition to district the State, in order to await the lithograph-