

Master, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Johnson, Gaither, Annan, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Waters, Smith and Cockey—50.

*Negative*—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, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower and Brown—45.

So the Convention reconsidered their vote.

Mr. JOHNSON then moved that the Convention reconsider their vote on the amendment offered by him this morning as a substitute for the amendment proposed by Mr. CHAMBERS of Kent, and rejected by the Convention.

Mr. J. said :

In making this motion, I desire to say but one word. We have taken a vote upon the proposition of the gentleman from Kent, which has just been reconsidered, and I think it was carried in the negative by ten votes. The proposition which I had the honor to offer as a substitute for that, was carried in the negative by three votes. There must be a desire, on the part of the members of this Convention, to lay down some system, either local or general, and there is a division in the minds of members on that subject. I am in favor of a general, broad principle, to pervade all parts and sections of the State alike. So far as these experiments have been had, relatively, there is a manifest preference in favor of the proposition which I had the honor to submit, I therefore made the motion to reconsider, in the hope that the Convention may thus get the whole subject before them. Sometime has elapsed, which will give members an opportunity for an interchange of their views, and I wish a vote to be again taken on the proposition which I had the honor to submit. I call for the previous question on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Is it in order for the gentleman to make this motion, when there is another pending before the Convention?

The PRESIDENT decided that the motion was in order.

The demand for the previous question was then recorded.

Mr. GWINN moved that the House adjourn, and on this motion demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and being taken, were as follows :

*Affirmative*—Messrs. Merrick, Buchanan, Lloyd, Dickinson, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, Chambers of Cecil, McCullough, Miller, McLane, Grason, George, Wright, Thomas, Shriver, Johnson, Biser, Sappington, Magraw, Nelson, Carter, Thawley, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Brent of Baltimore city, Sherwood of Baltimore city, Ware, Anderson, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower, and Brown—33.

*Negative*—Messrs. Chapman, Pres't, Morgan,

Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Dorsey, Wells, Randall, Kent, Sellman, Bond, Howard, Bell, Chandler, Ridgely, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Da-hiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, Spencer, Dirickson, McMaster, Hearn, Fooks, Jacobs, Gaither, Annan, Stephenson, McHenry, Schley, Fiery, Neill, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Brewer, Waters, Slicer, Smith, and Cockey—54.

So the Convention refused to adjourn.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. JOHNSON, to reconsider the vote of the Convention on the amendment offered by him as substitute for the amendment proposed by Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, and being put, it was

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred.

Will the Convention accept the said substitute for the proposition offered by Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent.

Mr. PHELPS moved the previous question, which was seconded.

Mr. JOHNSON asked a division of the question on the motion to strike out and insert.

The question was consequently stated to be on the motion to strike out.

Mr. McMASTER asked the yeas and nays on this motion, which were ordered.

Mr. BOWIE moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. HARBINE asked the yeas and nays on the motion, which were not ordered.

The motion to adjourn was then agreed to.

And the Convention accordingly adjourned.

## DEFERRED DEBATE.

### CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

*Remarks of Mr. MERRICK—Friday, April 11th.*

Mr. MERRICK was much gratified to hear the desire so generally expressed, that some provisions might now be adopted which should put a final end to this long continued subject of agitation. For years past there had been no more convenient hobby for demagogues to mount than this so called "Constitutional Reform;" and he who could cry out most loudly for reform, without specifying or understanding abuses to be reformed, was often the most popular and most successful agitator; and would exult in the possession of fancied power and greatness, strutting upon the green, and stopping all mouths, silencing all reason and argument with loud vociferations of his magic, but undefined, and for him, at least, undefinable phrase, "reform," "Constitutional Reform." Here was now a Convention in session, and in his judgment, one of the very best reforms to be expected from it, or which they could make, was to reform these agitators, to take their hobby from them by adopting a provision which should enable the good people of the State at any time, upon due deliberation, to correct any real evils, any practical inconveniences which might be found to exist in their sys-