ner, and shall meet within three months after their election, for the purpose aforesaid.

Sec. 3. At the general election to be held in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in each twentieth year thereafter, the question "shall there be a Convention to revise, alter or amend the Constitution?" shall be submitted to the electors of the State; and in case a majority of all the electors voting at such election, shall decide in favor of a Convention, the General Assembly, at its next session, shall provide by law, for the election of delegates, and the assembling of such Convention, as is provided in the preceding section; but no amendment of this Constitution, agreed upon by any Convention, assembled in pursuance of this article, shall take effect, until the same shall have been submitted to the electors of the State, and adopted by a majority of those voting thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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W. H. Mace,
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Andrew Annan,
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Alward Johnson,
John Lee.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

Mr. Abbott. I have a report to present from the committee on the Basis of Representation, which I am happy to say has been prepared after long and careful consideration, and has been agreed upon by a majority of two-thirds of the Committee, which majority I hope it will receive in this Convention and from the people.

The report was then read the first time, and ordered to be printed, as follows:

REPORT:

The Committee on the "Basis of Representation in the two Houses of the General Assembly, and a proper apportionment of representation in the same," beg leave respectfully to report the following sections, to be inserted in article three of the Constitution, entitled, "Legislative Department:"

Section 1. Immediately after the adoption of this Constitution, and before there shall have been held any general election under it, the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore shall proceed to lay off and divide the said city into three several districts, of equal population and contiguous territory, as near as may be.

Sec. 2. Every county in the State, and each district of the city of Baltimore, as hereinbefore provided for, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties and city of Baltimore respectively, and who shall serve for —— years from the date of their election.

Sec. 3. The white population of the State shall constitute the basis of representation in the House of delegates, and the apportionment of the Delegates among the several counties and districts of the city of Baltimore shall be as follows: For every five thousand persons, or a fractional part thereof above one-half, one delegate shall be chosen until the number of delegates in each county and district of the city of Baltimore shall reach five. Above that number, one delegate shall be chosen for every fifteen thousand persons, or a fractional portion over one-half thereof, until the whole number of delegates from each county and district of the city of Baltimore shall reach ten. Above that number, each county and district of the said city shall elect one Delegate for every forty-five thousand persons, or fractional portion thereof above one-half. Upon this principle, and until the next Federal census, or State enumeration of inhabitants, the House of Delegates shall consist of eighty-two members, distributed as follows:

Allegany, five members; Anne Arundel, two; each of the three districts in Baltimore city, seven; Baltimore county, six; Calvert, one; Caroline, two; Carroll, five; Cecil, four; Charles, one; Dorchester, two; Frederick, six; Harford, four; Howard, two; Kent, one; Montgomery, two; Prince George's, two; Queen Ann's, two; Saint Mary's, one; Somerset, three; Talbot, two; Washington, five; Worcester, three.

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Saml. T. Hatch,
Peter Negley,
Jos. B. Pugh,
J. D. Carter,
A. C. Greene.

Mr. Berry, of Prince George's, on behalf of the minority of the same committee, submitted the following report, which was read a first time, and ordered to be printed:

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the Basis of Representation in the two Houses of the General Assembly, and a proper apportionment of representation in the same, beg leave respectfully to report the following sections to be inserted in article 3, of the Constitution, entitled, Legislative Department:

Section 1. Every county of the State and the city of Baltimore, shall be entitled to elect one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the counties and the city of Baltimore respectively, and who shall serve for four years from the day of their election.

Sec. 2.—The Legislature at its first session after the returns of each National Census are published under the authority of Congress, shall apportion the members of the House of Delegates among the several counties of the State according to the population of each, and shall always allow to the city of Baltimore four more delegates than are allowed to the most populous county; but no county shall be entitled to less than two members, nor shall the whole number of delegates ever exceed ——.

Sec. 3. The Mayor and City Council of