

posed to amend the proposition with a view to meet what I believed to be the rights and just demands of the county which I have the honor in part to represent. The call of the previous question has denied me that opportunity; and I cannot therefore withhold my assent from the proposition, simply because I have not been able to amend it to suit my own sense of what is right. So far as it goes I accept it, and will vote for it "aye."

Mr. WICKARD said: I do not approve of the proposition of the gentleman from Frederick (Mr. Schley,) but being the best we can get, I shall vote for it "aye."

The third section as amended was accordingly adopted.

The second section of the report was read as follows:

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.

Mr. MILLER. I have an amendment to offer to the section.

The PRESIDENT. It will be proper first to fill the blank.

Mr. ABBOTT. The reason the blank was not filled by the committee was that it more properly comes from the committee on the legislative department to fix the period; and what action they would take we did not know.

Mr. SCHLEY moved to fill the blank with "four."

Mr. CHAMBERS moved to fill the blank with "six," and demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question being taken upon the amendment of Mr. CHAMBERS—the longest time—the result was—yeas 17, nays 55—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Berry, of Prince George's, Blackiston, Briscoe, Chambers, Dennis, Duvall, Farrow, Henkle, Hollyday, Horsey, Jones, of Somerset, Miller, Morgan, Parker, Parran, Peter—17.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Barron, Bond, Brown, Clarke, Crawford, Cushing, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Edelen, Galloway, Green, Harwood, Hebb, Hodson, Hopkins, Hopper, Johnson, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Les, Marbury, Mitchell, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—55.

The amendment was accordingly rejected.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I move to amend the section by striking out the last clause: "and who shall serve for ——— years from the date

of their election." This disposes of the blank. The fourth section of the legislative article disposes of this whole question, and I think there is no necessity for further action.

Mr. HEBB. I hope that will not be adopted. This is the language of the old constitution, an exact copy.

The amendment was rejected.

The question recurred upon the motion of Mr. SCHLEY to fill the blank with "four."

Mr. CLARKE. If this blank is filled with "four," the result will be that the three senators of Baltimore will not go into the apportionment at all, and they will serve for four years.

Mr. HEBB. I will say that it was intended to provide in the legislative article that lots should be drawn and the senators divided; and of course Baltimore city would take its chances.

Mr. CLARKE. It might be construed in this way, that there being a separate article there would be no necessity to include the senators from Baltimore city; and the result might be——

Mr. STIRLING. The committee of revision will have to take the report of this committee and of the legislative committee and arrange these articles. The two reports together will constitute the legislative article, as in the old constitution. These two things will be in the same article, and will explain themselves.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. MILLER moved to strike out the words, "each district of" in the first line, and the words, "as hereinbefore provided for" in the second line.

Mr. MILLER said: This amendment will give every county in the State and the city of Baltimore one senator each, as provided in the present constitution. By the basis of representation adopted for the lower house by the 3d section of this article, we have departed from the principle of representation according to population, and have adopted a theory which is neither flesh, fish, nor fowl. Under that theory Baltimore city gets eighteen delegates in the house of delegates; and I think she may very well be content to go into the other house with one senator.

Mr. BARRON called the previous question.

Mr. DAVIS, of Charles, called the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken the result was—yeas 39, nays 27—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, King, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Wickard, Wooden—39.