

Marbury, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Peter, Sands, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Dorchester, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Turner—38.

*Nays*—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audon, Barron, Brooks, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, Markey, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Stirling, Stockbridge, Thomas, Wickard—33.

The order as amended was accordingly adopted.

Pending the call of the yeas and nays, the following explanations were made by members as their names were called:

Mr. ABBOTT. Believing this to be a matter with which this convention has nothing in the world to do, I vote "no."

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. Believing this to be in keeping with precedents established by this convention, I vote "aye."

Mr. KENNARD. Believing that the information desired can be had, and ought to be had, without recourse to the means proposed, I vote "no."

Mr. NEGLEY. Believing it is the duty of each citizen of the State to see that justice is done to every citizen of the State; believing that it is right that this information should be had, and that Marylanders should look after Maryland interests, I vote "aye."

Mr. STIRLING. I am perfectly willing to make proper inquiry of the government in regard to this matter. But as I conceive it is an utter usurpation of power on the part of this convention to undertake, over the heads of State authorities, to correspond with the authorities at Washington in regard to this matter; and as I think the gentlemen interested in this proposition refused a fair compromise, I take great pleasure in voting "no."

Mr. SANDS. I should like to understand from the gentleman (Mr. Berry, of Prince George's,) who offered the order, whether this committee is to correspond with the governor of Maryland or with the President of the United States? I have voted "aye," because my impression was that the committee was to correspond with the governor. If that is so, then my vote shall remain as it is. If it is to correspond with the President, then I shall change my vote, as I believe the matter to be peculiarly appropriate to the governor of the State.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. My object was to ascertain the proper authorities, and then correspond with those in authority.

Mr. STIRLING. It says "authorities in Washington."

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. No, sir; it says "proper authorities."

Mr. SANDS. I merely wish to say that if the committee is to correspond with the gov-

ernor, I shall vote for the order very cheerfully. But if it is with the President or with any federal authority, then I shall vote "no." If the gentleman who offered the order will assure me that the committee is to correspond with the governor, my vote shall remain as it is.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. It says "to correspond with the proper authorities."

The PRESIDENT announced the vote to be, yeas 38, nays 33.

Mr. STIRLING. Has the vote been read over by the secretary?

The PRESIDENT. The assistant secretary informs me that the roll has been read over by him.

Mr. STIRLING. I think the secretary is mistaken. I do not think the roll has been read over since the vote was taken.

The PRESIDENT. The chair will direct the roll to be read over again.

Mr. CHAMBERS. By what authority is that order made?

The PRESIDENT. There seems to be some misunderstanding as to whether the roll has been called off properly. And the chair has directed the secretary—

Mr. CHAMBERS. I ask under what rule that is done?

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers) is out of order.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I say the chair is out of order.

The PRESIDENT. The chair was announcing what had been done, and before he had concluded, the gentleman from Kent interposed, in which he was out of order.

Mr. CHAMBERS. The president has authority, I know, but it is authority to enforce the rules.

The PRESIDENT. And the president will see that the rules are enforced; he will compel the enforcement of them, if he has any power in this body. The president called upon the clerk for the purpose of ascertaining whether the roll had been read over, being under the impression that the roll had not been read. The clerk informed the president that it had been read over, and thereupon the president announced the vote. There seems, however, to be some misunderstanding on the part of several members of the convention in regard to the subject, and the president will therefore direct the roll to be read over again. There can be no harm done. The trouble has occurred only from the interposition of the gentleman from Howard (Mr. Sands,) who asked several questions of the gentleman from Prince George's (Mr. Berry,) after the vote had been taken but before it had been announced. If gentlemen will just be quiet, and interpose at the proper time, there will be no difficulty about the matter. The president will take care hereafter that the rules are strictly enforced. While gentlemen are walking all about