

Decided in the negative.

The question then recurring upon the order submitted by Mr. Gill,

It was adopted.

The following is the Act printed under the order submitted by Mr. Gill:

*An Act to provide for taking the sense of the people of this State on the call of a Convention to frame a new Constitution and form of government, and for assembling the members thereof.*

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on the second Wednesday of April next, at the same places where county and city elections are now by law held for the election of Delegates to the General Assembly, every person entitled to vote for Delegates to the General Assembly shall vote on the question of a call of a Convention to frame a new Constitution and form of government, with a clause therein prohibiting the Legislature from making any law providing for payment by this State for persons heretofore held as slaves, by expressing in writing or by printed form the words "For a Convention" or "Against a Convention," as the case may be, and in case there shall be any ballots without the designation so prescribed, the same shall not be counted for or against a Convention, but a separate return thereof shall be made by the Judges of Election.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That at the said election the registered voters of the State shall elect by ballot delegates to the said Convention, whose qualifications shall be the same as those now required for members of the House of Delegates, and each county and the city of Baltimore, shall be entitled to elect respectively the number of delegates to said Convention herein provided, namely: St. Mary's county, three delegates; Kent county, four delegates; Calvert county, three delegates; Charles county, three delegates; Baltimore county, seven delegates; Talbot county, four delegates; Somerset county, five delegates; Dorchester county, four delegates; Cecil county, five delegates; Prince George's county, four delegates; Queen Anne's county, four delegates; Worcester county, five delegates; Frederick county, seven delegates; Harford county, five delegates; Caroline county, four delegates; Baltimore city, twenty-one delegates; Montgomery county, four delegates; Allegany county, six delegates; Carroll county, six delegates; Howard county, four delegates; Anne Arundel county, four delegates; Washington county, six delegates; and it is hereby provided that the sheriff of the several counties and the sheriff of Baltimore city, shall give notice of the day above